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Now, 'Who Will Buy From the Ugly Germans?'

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BERLIN — Germany's neo-Nazi violence is chasing away foreign investors, frightening tourists and ruining the country's image abroad, according to corporate executives and government officials

Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said in a radio interview Monday that he could "only say" the picture of Germany abroad "now is

"This rioting against foreigners is disastrous, or could be disastrous," said Birgitt Schutzel-Merkel, spokeswoman for the Federal Association of German Industry. "Of course the German economy will be hurt

"The words 'Made in Germany' are already damaged," said Peter Blume, spokesman for the German Chamber of Industry and Com-

Major German multinational companies have begun appealing to employees to be tol-crant of co-workers who are foreigners and to get involved in demonstrations and other activities designed to show that most Germans deplore the 1,900 xenophobic attacks that have left 16 people dead this year.

The electronics company Robert Bosch sent an appeal for respect to its 177,000 workers. Daimler-Benz dispatched a management delegation to a mass pro-foreigner demonstration in Berlin. And Opel, the German subsidiary of General Motors, put up a \$65,000 reward for the arrest of the neo-Nazis who firebombed

killing three longtime Turkish residents. On Monday, the police arrested a 19-yearold German man suspected in the Molln at-

tack. (Page 2) As Germany slips into recession — Chan-cellor Helmut Kohl last week used the word for the first time to describe current conditions the export-dependent country is increasingly worried about its image abroad, not only for fear that consumers will avoid German goods, but also because the country remains dependent on foreign labor.

"Who will buy from the ugly Germans?" asked a beadline in the weekly Die Zeit. Hans Peter Stihl, president of the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce, said his recent discussions with foreign investors left him

two homes in the town of Mölin last week, with a "sobering picture" in which Germany is killing three longtime Turkish residents. seen as "too expensive, too inflexible and too ann-forcigner.

Industrial leaders are stepping up efforts to remind Germans that the vibrancy of their economy is dependent on foreigners. Nine percent of Germany's gross national product is created by foreign workers. According to the German Chamber of Commerce, Germany needs 300,000 new foreign workers a year to keep factories, restaurants and other indus-

"Germany is open to the world and is right-ly proud of its good relations with people of other nationalities, cultures, skin colors and religions," said a joint declaration by several

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Confidence Helps Propel A Comeback In America

By Sylvia Nasar New York Times Service

New York Times Service
NEW YORK — A number of U.S. business
executives say a Clinton expansion may have
arrived even before the president-elect moves
into the White House. But they are quick to add that the pace of the economic rebound will, continue to be far slower than in past recoveries and that too few jobs will be created to bring

memployment down quickly.
In interviews over the Thanksgiving Day weekend, business owners and executives said they were seeing signs of a recovery — from more classified advertising to more business travel — in their own businesses and communities. Taken together, the variety of indicators suggest that the American economy is at last turning a corner.

"It seems that this recovery is finally under way," said George N. Hatsopoulos, chief executive of Thermo Electron Corp., a maker of industrial instruments in Waltham, Massachu-

setts. "I believe it's going to catch on this time."
Business people say they are heartened by a surge in consumer confidence since the presidential election, by last week's surprisingly strong economic reports and by the crowds on the first days of the holiday shopping season. A consensus appeared to be emerging that holi-day sales so far were up 5-to-8 percent-from a

That is not to say that good times are immi-nent. Indeed, business people stress that com-petition will remain brutal.

"It's tougher to make money whether you're a cab driver or an entrepreneur," said Jerry Della Femina, the New York advertising executive who created the Joe Isuzu ads in the 1980s and who started a restaurant, a real estate company and an ad agency this year. "Every-body's coming off the memories of the 1980s, when people made fortunes by just showing up.

Several executives said the election of Bill, See REBOUND, Page 15

Russian Court Renders Mixed Verdict on Party

By Serge Schmemann
New York Times Service

MOSCOW - Russia's Constitutional Court concluded on Monday five months of intense and sometimes emotional hearings into the legality of the Communist Party with a low-key compromise that narrowly upheld President Boris N. Yeltsin's overall ban on the party while leaving questions of its property — and its history — aside.

The 13-member court announced only a se-

ries of unadorned and uncommented rulings on the various legal points of the case, saying that the full opinion would be available in two

But even the rulings issued Monday made clear that the decision was a far cry from the full-scale "trial of history" or the "Russian Nuremberg" that Mr. Yelisin's supporters had demanded, or the vindication of the tarnished ideals that the Communists had hoped for. In the end, the court chose a narrow legal finding that did not fully satisfy either side but left both grumpily claiming victory.

The hearing was actually a merger of two petitions, one by the Communists seeking to overrule Mr. Yeltsin's ban on the party, and the other by the president's supporters seeking to declare the Communist Party unconstitutional

Specifically, the court ruled that the basic ban on the Communist Party decreed by Mr. Yeltsin after the August 1991 coup attempt was legitimate. But the court struck down the presidem's confiscation of all party property, ruling that this would have to be decided case-by-case

in civil courts. The court also declared that the ban did not apply to primary party cells, the small clusters of Communists formed mostly within housing compounds that had no organization and played virtually no role in the party's ruling structures. Finally the court struck down various specific provisions of Mr. Yeltsin's decrees that violated the law, such as provisions that a decree went into effect immediately rather than

in the 10 days specified by law. But the court effectively dismissed the entire question of the constitutionality of the party, ruling that as the Soviet Communist Party had effectively collapsed by the time of Mr. Yeltsin's decree, and that since the Russian Federation party was not yet legally formed, the issue

In the hallways of the Constitutional Court and in various press conferences around Mos-

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5 DIE IN DERAILMENT — Rescue workers carrying out a body from the wreckage of a Dutch Intercity train that derailed on a busy commuter line on Monday in Hoofddorp, near Amsterdam. Five people were killed and 36 injured. A Dutch Railways spokeswoman said there was a slight chance more bodies would be found. The cause of the accident has not yet been determined.

China Ratchets Up Stakes With Britain

By Sheryl WuDunn
New York Times Service

BELIING - China significantly raised the stakes Monday in its dispute with Britain by declaring all contracts signed by the Hong Kong government and not approved by Beijing invalid when London ends its rule in the territo-

The Hong Kong government, which was not forewarned, responded immediately that the declaration violated the Sino-British Joint Decsaration and the Basic Law, the two documents that govern the transition period and that guarantee economic and political freedoms to the territory for 50 years.

and protected by the Hong Kong special ad-ministrative region, provided that they do not contravene the Basic Law," the Hong Kong

overnment said in a written statemer [In London, the Foreign Office issued a similar statement, saying that under the Basic Law, "contracts which are valid under Hong Kong existing laws will continue to be valid and protected after 1997," Reuters reported.]

The announcement by China, released by the Xinhua press agency, aims at the commercial activities that are at the heart of Hong Kong's

"According to the Basic Law, contracts which are valid under Hong Kong's existing grave concern among a wide variety of local laws will continue to be valid and recognized and international companies that do business in the territory. The Hong Kong government has signed thousands of contracts that could

conceivably be affected. It was the first substantial step beyond threats that China has taken to retaliate against British plans to bring greater democracy to Hong Knng. By undermining Hong Kong's authority to issue contracts extending beyond 1997, it also seemed particularly targeted to prevent Britain from continuing its efforts to

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CIA Draft Says Iran Nears Nuclear Status

Tehran Could Make Arms by 2000, Report on Military Buildup Asserts

By Elaine Sciolino

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - A draft CIA report on Iran concludes that the country is making progress on a nuclear arms program and could develop a miclear weapon by the year 2000. according to senior administration officials.

But the highly technical report reflects a continuing debate among intelligence experts on Iran's military buildup that will intrude on efforts by President-elect Bill Clinton in formulate his break policies.

late his Middle East policies. Mr. Clinton, who repeatedly criticized President George Bush for missing signs of Iraq's military buildup before President Saddam Hus-

sein's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990, may face a parallel problem with Iran. He will have to interpret for himself uncer-tain and varying analyses from intelligence experts on the same secret data on Iran, illustrating the difficulty of predicting the military capability and intentions of a government about which the United States has only limited

about which the United States has only limited knowledge.

U.S. intelligence analysts are divided on the issue of what Iran's \$2 billion-a-year military buildup — including its nuclear program — means, and whether Iran could replace Iraq as an aggressive, expansionist military threat in the Gulf region in the coming years.

The issue is both so important and so filled

The issue is both so important and so filled with contradictions that last week the State Department began an internal review of U.S. policy toward Iran.

In defense of its arms purchases, Iran points to Baghdad's aggression during its eight-year war with Iraq, its exclusion from regional security arrangements in the Gulf and the immutability of geography: a I,700-kilometer (1.050-mile) border with the Central Asian republics, a I,455-kilometer border with Iraq, a 2,530-kilometer coastline, plus borders with Afghanistan, Pakinters and Turker. Pakistan and Turkey.
But Iran's leaders deny interest in developing

a nuclear weapon.

"We have no need for nuclear weapons," Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammed Be-sharati was quoted as saying no Iran's official radio on Friday. He described reports that Iran was planning to acquire nuclear weapons as "a

lie and a plot."

He added, "Our neighboring countries are signing military pacts with big powers one by one, and strengthening their military arsenals, so wby can't we replace the weapons we lost desired the seek war. during the eight-year imposed war?"

The draft CIA report, known as a national

intelligence estimate, was written after a long debate in the intelligence agency. The report reflects views first expressed by Robert M. Gates, the director of central intelligence, in testimony before Congress in March. It is in-tended to be the definitive intelligence blueprint on Iran's nuclear ambitions for the Clin-

But the report, which goes further than the last formal estimate on Iran, is expected to be fiercely contested when it is reviewed for approval by the other U.S. intelligence agencies

cluded only that at least some of Iran's revolutionary leaders were intent on developing nuclear weapons, but that the program was disorganized and in an early stage of develop-

The new report also draws strong concitisions about the leadership in Tehran, asserting that President Hashemi Rafsanjani has built a team of nuclear experts, many of them educated in the United States, to direct a nuclear

Based on their activities, as well as on Iran's nuclear research and development programs, the study concludes that there is more certainty about Iran's intentions.

Senior administration officials involved in analyzing Iran's nuclear intentions say Iran today can be compared to Iraq in the early and mid-1980s, when Mr. Saddam's desire in develnp a nuclear weapon was known and be was dabbling in various nuclear technologies. But other officials disagree.

"Iran has powerful political incentives for developing nuclear weapons and is trying to develop a broad-based nuclear infrastructure that it hopes will give them the option for weapons if they decide to exercise it," an administration nuclear expert said. "But I don't see in Iran the same kind of crash nuclear program that we've learned about in Iraq."

The worst-case scenario for Iran has been

articulated by Mr. Gates. He said in an Associated Press interview iblished last week that Tehran could pose a threat to the United States and its allies in the.

Gulf within three to five years. But Mr. Gates's projection is not wholeheart-edly shared by other U.S. intelligence experts. These analysts make the following argument: The United States was chastened by its failure to recognize Iraq's buge arms buildup, but it should avoid drawing incorrect parallels with the government in Tehran.

After all, they say, Iran's current leadership is spending much less money on its military than did the pre-revolutionary regime of Shah Mo-hammed Reza Pahlavi and only 40 percent of what Iraq was spending annually on weapons, after the Iran-Iraq War.

These experts add that Iran bas so far to go and so little money to spend that its reinforced military force might be unable to do more than to deter aggression by its neighbors. They also blame the Israeli government for fanning the recent alarm by portraying Iran as the most dangerous threat to both the region's and Israel's security.

Another example of the current dispute cen-ters on a classified Pentagon overview of Iran's military buildup that concludes that by the end of the decade, Iran will have enough naval equipment to "dominate" the Gulf and threat-en commerce through the Strait of Hornuz, according to administration officials familiar

The report, prepared by the Defense Intelli-gence Agency last summer, also concludes that over the next eight years, Iran will double the number of tanks and armored vehicles in its

Paris Concedes to NATO On French-German Corps

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS - France has agreed that a joint French-German corps can operate under com-mand of NATO in crises ranging from war to

international peacekeeping, European defense officials said Monday.

The French concession, which acknowledged NATO supremacy in Western security, will allay fears in Washington and some European

napitals that the new corps would challenge NATO and U.S. engagement in Europe.

Instead, the proposal seems likely to deliver on German promises of drawing France closer to the U.S.-led alliance. France will not remin the military command that it left in 1966, but

the corps will usher in more pragmatic coopera-tinn between French forces and NATO.

A senior foreign policy official in Bonn said the arrangement would "give the French military access to much more of NATO's planning, with the corps quietly opening the door for all French forces."

The proposed arrangements, approved by President François Mitterrand of France, were

conveyed to ambassadors at the North Atlantie Treaty Organization on Monday.

France is scoring its own political point in getting NATO's recognition of the corps as a European contingent in the alliance. For diplo-

mats, that becomes a stepping stone to are independent military role someday for the Eu ropean Community. Expected to become operational in 1995, the

corps will be a 35,000-person force, large enough to be capable of conducting any type of military operation. But as an actual force, it is unlikely to have much impact in the foreseeable future. In com-

bat missions, specialized elements might be combined in larger forces tailored for a crisis. But in the diplomatic maneuvering over the future shape of Western security arrangements. the French-German initiative has had high political visibility - often at odds with U.S.

thinking - since it was launched in general terms last May. Relief was evident in the initial reactions of NATO, U.S. and British policymakers on Mon-

day when the specifics were unveiled.

Initially unpalatable in the other members of the alliance, the proposal now seems capable of reconciling the interests of NATO and the European Community — a feat generally credited to German negatiators, who were torn between Washington and Paris.

Overall, the role of the corps, as it has finally emerged, reflects the strong pressure from

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Seven of the UN Charter, which provides

"The focus of the council's immediate

action should be to create conditions in

for the use of force if necessary.

Calling in Sick: The Boss Gets Tougher

Some Firms, Suspecting Feigned Illness, Hire Private Eyes

By Peter T. Kilborn New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — As struggling economies produce huge numbers of layoffs, significantly more workers still employed are calling in sick. Many are feeling the stress of working harder and some are abusing sick leave, using the time as added vacation days or even to

Some companies fight back by using private investigators to uncover abuses. But Trans World Airlines has adopted a policy tough enough that it raises issues of employees' right to privacy

In July, TWA secretly sent out forms to several hundred managers asking a range of personal questions about workers suspected of lying when they called in sick. The form included questions on whether the employee had any identifying "scars and marks" and whether the worker smoked or

drank. It also asked for a wide range of family information, including the names, ages and employment of the worker's children. A copy of the form was recently sent anonymously to news

organizations. Until contacted by a reporter, leaders of TWA's unions said, they had been unaware that such a form existed.

In response to questions from a reporter, the chief spokesman for the airline, Jerry Cosley, said the company would drop most of the form but that its aggressive pursuit of fraudulent requests for sick leave would continue. He said it would still be the company's policy to be as aggressive as we can be in cutting down on fraud.

Labor experts and civil libertarians say that companies have a right to protect themselves from fraud and the losses incurred when workers stay home. Although reliable figures are hard to find, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported earlier this month that there were 11.1 percent more reported illnesses in 1991 than in 1990. The bureau does not assess the legitimacy of illness reports.

Paul Botkin, a health-issues specialist at William M. Mercer Inc., a personnel consulting firm, said he had seen a perceptible increase in short-term disability applications. One Mercer client, a company with 100,000 employees, reported an increase of more than 12 percent in

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UN Chief Backs Force for Somalia no alternative" but in resort to Chapter

The United Nations secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, on Monday recommended the use of military force to deliver food and emergency supplies to the starving people of Somalia. Mr. Butros Ghali said in a letter to the

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which relief supplies can be delivered to those in need," he said. (Page 2.) UN Security Council that there was "now War nostalgia industry caters to foreigners in Ho Chi Minh City. Page 7.

> Parliament gives Irish women a leap. Page 8.

The U.S. Supreme Court backs abortion rights by refusing to review a Guam ketball this season — in

Business/Finance British markets suddenly signal recovery. Page 13.

rates, while Ireland raised

Page 2. one man's view. Page 20.

UN Chief Says Force Is Only Way Now to Get Aid to Somalia

UNITED NATIONS, New York — The United Nations secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, said Monday that there was no alternative but the use of force to ensure delivery of humanitarian aid to Somalia

in a letter to the UN Security Gouncil's president, Andre Erdos of Hungary, Mr. Butros Ghali said. There is now no alternative but to resort to Chapter Seven." Chapter Seven of the UN charter authorizes the use of force if international peace and security are threatened. in the nine-page letter, Mr. Bu-tros Ghali outlined five options for Somalia, including the use of force,

but left the final decision to the "If forceful action is taken," he said, "it should preferably be under United Nations command and

If this is not feasible, he said, an alternative would be an operation undertaken by member states acting with the authorization of the

Security Council. One of those members, the United States, has offered to send 30,000 troops for a UN mission.

Citing past failure to get suffi-cient aid to the people, Mr. Butros Ghali said he had reached "the conclusion that the Security Council now has no alternative but to decide to adopt more forceful measures to secure the humanitarian operations in Somalia."

The White House said earlier Monday that any U.S. military involvement in Somalia would be limited in scope, but it did not rule out a larger UN role.

"We intend to work only within the UN," said the White House press secretary, Marlin Fitzwater, "and our purpose is not to establish a government or change the ruling structure of the country, but simply to provide the safety for delivery of humanitarian supplies." He acknowledged, however, that

a breakdown of governmental au-thority is one of the "key problems" in Somalia.

A senior Bush administration official suggested that the United Nations might be compelled to install an interim government and organize elections in the country.

The official, who asked not to be identified, said a U.S.-proposed military operation to deliver food and medicine might need to be fol-lowed by a UN effort to end anarchy in Somalia. The official, who was in Kenne-

bunkport with President George Bosh for the Thanksgiving holiday, said: "Somalia has no governme now, none. It needs some kind of structure. You may need a UN pro-tectorate, which the UN would manage and try to turn back into a

As a possible model for such an arrangement, the official cited the UN role in Cambodia. But the Bush aide said that in Somalia the effort could be "something longer-term, where the UN would go in and actually set up an interim gov-ernment and hold elections."

It is not clear whether Mr. Bush wants to recommend such a course to the United Nations. The issue of Somalia's ability to govern itself may be left to the incoming Clinton administration, while Bush advis-ers spend their final months in office trying to ensure the delivery of

But the comments of the senior official suggest that there is more sentiment among Bush aides for a longer-range UN role than was ini-

On Thursday, Mr. Erdos, the Security Council president, said that the Somali situation was so desperate that the United Nations needed to establish administrative cootrol there. At that time, an administration official expressed skepticism that the Security Council would ap-



The German ambassador to Israel, Otto von der Gabientz, listening to debate in the Knesset on Monday over the spreading neo-Nazi violence in Germany. The woman at left is an interpreter.

described him as leader of a "rightist terrorist organization," but later they said he was probably not guilty of the Mölln bombing. The chief federal prosecutor, Al-exander von Stabl, said that Lars C.

Burma Laureate Is Refusing Food, Husband Fears

By William E. Schmidt

New York Times Service LONDON - The husband of Daw Aung Saw Suu Kyi, the Burmese dissident who won the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize, said Monday that his wife's life was in growing peril because she was now refusing even her own family's offers of food and material support as a way to protest her continuing detention. I have reason to believe that the

held now pose a grave threat to her life," said Michael Aris, a British scholar, who met with reporters in Oxford. "I am now very concerned that soon she will have no means at all of sustaining life."

Mr. Aris said he decided to speak out because he was alarmed about his wife's worsening situation. "I believe I am right to reveal to the world what is happening in the hope it will lead to her freedom,"

Mr. Aris said that he did not have any first-hand knowledge.

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about either the health or medical condition of the 47-year-old dissi-dent, whom he last saw during a visit in August, and does not know how much, if any, food or money. she might still have on hand to sustain herself.

Burmese authorities have held her without trial and under house guards who imprison her, arrest at her family estate near "My wife has obviously decided arrest at her family estate near

But in a hrief handwritten message passed on to him earlier this month by the Burmese govern-ment, Mr. Aris said his wife asked him and their two teenage sons not to visit her at Christmas, as they

Mr. Aris said he intended to bring money and suitcases filled with food for his wife, who over the last three and half years has adamantly refused to accept any food

or favors from her captors. Until now, he says, she has relied

either on contributions from her family or her own measer income to buy foodstuffs and pay other bills, including her household utilities. Until last summer, Mr. Aris said, she raised some money hy selling off furniture from her family's household to the military

Rangoon since July, 1989, as a te-sult of her agitation on behalf of said. "She has concluded that any human rights and democracy in- material support she receives from anyone to support her will only prolong her detention. She sees no point any longer in doing anything that will enable them to hold her

joined Mr. Aris's appeal. Gier Lundestad, the institute's director, told Reuters that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi appeared to have begun what he called a "sort of a hunger strike" in the hope of bringing increased pressure on authorities in Burma.

Mr. Aris, who is a scholar of Tibetan civilization, said he would not describe his wife's protest as a hunger strike. "But she is facing a of food and money," he said.

mese government has mounted a

In Oslo, the Nobel Institute campaign to modify its interna-tional image. In recent months, hundreds of political prisoners have been released by the government, and some of the more Draconian measures, including trials of civilians by military courts, have been abandoned.

Throughout her detention, Daw Aung Saw Suu Kyi has steadfastly refused offers of freedom, on the condition she agree to give up poli-tics and go into exile. Instead, she has demanded she be allowed to sit was being spared to find those Her decision to eschew material

Law and Order Restoration Com
A delegation from the Israe elp comes at a time when the Bur- cil, the nation's ruling military jun-

U.K. to Take 4,000 Bosnians

LONDON --- Britain said Mon-day that it would accept up to 4,000 Bosnian refugees — a thousand former inmates of detention camps with their families - for temporary

The move, announced in Parliament by Charles Wardle, immigra-tion minister in the Home Office, followed criticism of the govern-ment's tight controls on immigration despite the human tragedy un-folding in war-racked Bosnia.

The announcement came as European Community immigration ministers neared the end of the first day of talks on EC asylum policy.

frontier controls and asylum-seekers from former Yugoslavia. Britain has taken what critics say is a tough line against refugees from the former Yugoslavia, im-

posing a visa requirement at the beginning of November. Britain originally said it would accept 150 former detention camp inmates and dependents, up to a total of 400 people. On Monday it said it was now willing to shelter 1,000 detainees with their families.

stimated to total 4,000 people.

The UN High Commissioner for efugees is coordinating the proram for EC states to shelter about

6,000 Bosnians who have been held detention camps.

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"We have now informed UNHCR that we are willing to receive over the next few months additional groups of detainees to a total of 1,000 together with their depend: uts, totalling perhaps 4,000 in all," Mr. Wardle said.

■ Party Leader to Step Aside He said arrangements had al-The head of the successor to East ready been made to receive the first group of 150 former detainees and Germany's former ruling Commu-nist Party announced Monday that their families as soon as the high he would step aside because of bitcommissioner's office confirmed ter party infighting and Stalinist they were ready to depart.

He said there had been no deciforts at reform, Agence France-Presse reported from Berlin. sion yet on when the larger group would begin to arrive. The refugees Gregor Gysi, 44, said he would not seek re-election in January as chairman of the Party of Demowould be granted an initial stay of six months, with a review later cratic Socialism

"I'm sure that we all hope that these evacuees will be able to return in due course to their own country," Mr. Wardle said, adding that Britain's normal immigration rules would be waived due to the excep-

Monday evening to prevent clashes between neo-Nazi and anti-racist demonstrators, but 32 people were The ministers made no headway arrested after minor incidents, Monday in their dispute over passport controls, sinking hopes for the Agence France-Presse reported from the Swedish capital, quoting police officials. barrier-free movement of people within the EC by Jan. 1.

Some delegation spokesmen said that Martin Bangemann, the EC internal markets commissioner, left the meeting furious after the latest effort to reach a compromise failed.

The Community had been due to lift all border controls on travelers between the 12 EC states on Jan. 1

as part of its move toward a single market, But Britain, backed by Denmark and Ireland, insists on maintaining some controls to keep an eye out for illegal immigrants.
Officials here said that Mr. Bangemann proposed a compromise that would allow "nonsystematic"

border controls. But a British spokesman said London rejected the idea as a mere transitional arrangement that leaves us without the kind of frontier checks we want on non-EC

nationals." The nine countries of the socalled Schengen group, which have agreed among themselves to abolish all internal passport controls, rejected the notion of even minimal, nonsystematic controls.

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WORLD BRIEFS

Russian Aid at Issue Over 'Black Box'

SEOUL (AP) — Angered over a lack of data on the flight recorder from a South Korean airliner shot down over Soviet territory in 1983, opposition legislators on Monday demanded the suspension of \$1.5 billion in aid to Russia.

President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia had turned over the flight data and cockpit voice recorders from Korean Air Lines Flight 007, which a Soviet missile brought down, killing all 269 people aboard. South Korean officials demanded the recorders in the hope they would clarify why the aircraft strayed into Soviet airspace. Over the weekend, however, the Transportation Ministry said that the flight data recorder, or "black box," was empty and that the tapes in the cockpit voice recorder

contained only conversations already made public.

The Democratic Party, Korea's largest opposition party, issued a statement on Monday criticizing the government of President Roh Tae Woo for accepting what it called "blank boxes" in exchange for \$1.5 billion in aid. Kim Dae Jung, the party's presidential candidate, demanded suspension of the economic aid unless Russia fully cooperated in investigation the crash investigating the crash.

Neo-Nazi

Arrested

In Killings

Of 3 Turks

By Stephen Kinzer
New York Times Service

BERLIN - German police,

showing unusual investigative

speed, announced Monday that they had arrested a 19-year-old man in connection with the fire-

bomh attack last week in which

three Turkish citizens were killed.

that the suspect was part of a shad-

second suspect was being sought.

Although Lars C. had been in

investigative custody for several days, the police did not issue a

warrant for his arrest until Mon-

As a sign of concern, federal inves-

tigators took the case out of the

neo-Nazi groups. One group, the

Nationalist Front, was banned Fri-

day, and further bans are expected.

marked the the second time that

market hie the second time that police have claimed a break in the Mölln case. Last week, they arrested a neo-Nazi, Michael Peters, 25, who lived in a nearby town. They

had been part of Mr. Peters's ex-

tremist circle. It was reportedly formed a few months ago and con-

sisted of about a dozen violent

young people. Nearly all have been

arrested in recent days. Mr. von Stahl said the youths were involved in firebomb attacks on at least

three hostels for foreigners in Sep-

He also said that Lars C. had

The mayor of Mölln, Joachim

been identified by a witness as one of the Mölin firebombers.

Dörfler, said the accused man was

Lars Christiansen, an apprentice at a local supermarket.

parliament met with President Richard von Weizsäcker and For-

eign Minister Klaus Kinkel. Mr.

Kinkel told the Turks that no effort.

A delegation from the Israeli parliament canceled a visit to Ger-

many planned for next week. But Foreign Minister Shimon Peres

said he opposed suggestions that Israelis stop making visits to Ger-

Three attacks on hostels for for-

eigners, all with firebombs, were

reported late Sunday and early Monday. After one attack, in the

western town of Winsen, the police

said they arrested five heavily in-

toxicated men and charged them

ards who were defeating ef-

■ 32 Arrests in Stockholm

A force of 900 police officers was leoloved in central Stockholm on

with attempted murder.

In Bonn, members of the Turkish

The announcement on Monday

ands of local authorities. Following the attack, the govern-ment has increased pressure on

Prosecutors said in a statement

Khmer Rouge Hit by UN Sanctions

owy neo-Nazi circle that had car-nied out "violent acts, specifically firebombings, against foreigners living in the Federal Republic." UNITED NATIONS, New York (Reuters) — The Security Council imposed trade sanctions Monday on Cambodian regions controlled by the Khmer Rouge in a last call for the guerrillas to join a UN-organized. The suspect was identified only as Lars C., but his last name was later reported as Christiansen. A

The resolution also threatens to exclude the Khmer Rouge from Cambodia's first free elections in May if they do not allow voters in their, areas to register by Jan. 31. The vote was 14 in favor, with China

U.S. Is Said to Chide Israel on Talks

day. The warrant charges him with three counts of murder; attempted JERUSALEM (Reuters) — The acting U.S. secretary of state, Lawrence S. Eagleburger, has told Israel that it shares in the hlame for the slow pace of Middle East peace talks, an Israeli newspaper said Monday. The daily Ma'ariv said Mr. Eagleburger had sent a message to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin orging him to help advance the talks during their eighth round, which is to start in Washington on Dec. 7. Mr. Rabin's murder, arson and disturbing the The firebombing last week, in the Western town of Mölin, shook Germany's political establishment. office refused to confirm or deny the report.

The newspaper said Israel was astonished by the message, which it regarded as harsh. The Bush administration has blamed Palestinians for the lack of progress in the talks, which were begun a year ago in Madrid. The Umted States is the main sponsor of the talks. Ma'ariv said the message, which was also sent to the Palestinians, demanded that both sides not wait for President-elect Bill Clinton to take over, asserting that his administration intended to maintain the same Middle East policies.

Mitterrand Urges Constitution Shifts
PARIS (AP) — President François Mitterrand proposed Monday that
the French Constitution be changed to make cabinet ministers accountable to the judiciary and to cut the presidential team to six years from

The proposals, outlined in letters to Parliament and the Constitutional Council, are part of a package of the most sweeping changes to the constinution since de Gaulle wrote it in 1958.

They address articles increasingly unpopular with the public, principally the long presidential term and the virtual immunity of cabinet ministers from prosecution. He also urged revisions that would curb the president's "special domains" in defense and foreign policy and expand the powers of the Parliament. He also suggested broadening the right to

Correction

call referendums.

A New York Times article about lead poisoning in children, published in the IHT of Nov. 19, referred incorrectly to Beverly Mielke, Although she was exposed to lead in 1984, when she was 3, she suffered no permanent damage. Her exposure was discovered early, and the source of

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sary of its discovery. The tomb was closed for repairs and restoration last year. Paintings of the pharaoh and ancient Egyptian gods in other, brown, black and white, have cracked and peeled since the 3,300-year-old tomb, discovered by Howard Carter on Nov. 4, 1922, was unscaled in February, 1923.

American Express has opened an office in Leipzig, Germany, bringing the number of its offices in former East European states to 25. The company also has offices in Berlin and Dresden. The Leipzig burean is in the Hotel Astoria, across from the city's main railroad station. It is open from 9:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. on weekdays and from 9 A.M. to 12 noon Saturday. This year Amex set up offices in Prague; Saint Petersburg. Tirana, Albania; Vilnius, Lithuania; and Riga, Latvia.

Australian ports and airports were disrupted by a national protest against social legislation that unions say will slash living standards. More han 100,000 metalworkers were involved in a separate strike, in demand for a 6 percent raise, timed to coincide with the national protest (AFP)

One of two international bridges at Laredo, Texas, was opened to traffic fonday after Mexicans stormed customs offices and set fires Sunday of their side of the border. The protesters, angry over new policies on the importation of U.S. goods, marched on Mexican customs offices in Nuevo Laredo where they tannted and beat officers, chased them across the border and set fires. The wave of violence left 12 people injured and 35 arrested for vandalism, theft and looting.

A second terminal was finished at Tokyo's Narita airport Monday. The six-story building, due to open Sunday, is more spacious than the original. Work on the second terminal started in November 1988 and was epleted at a cost of about 170 billion yen (\$1.4 billion).

New French-U.K. Frontier

common frontier on Monday, under the seabed in a tunnel join the two countries. The frontier is marked at a point midway between the French and British coasts.

"The first Ionnal marking of the common frontier between Butain and France has a small but unique place in history and is a reminder of how far we have come in making the Channel Tunnel a reality." John Noulton, a Eurotunnel spokesman, said at the ceremony.

4th Minister Quits Yugoslav Cabinet, Saying Panic Will Seek Presidency

BELGRADE —A fourth minister quit the government of Prime be considered invalid. linister Milan Panie on Monday as he prepared to announce whethline Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic for the presidency of Serbia.

Deputy Prime Minister Oskar
Kovac was quoted by the Tanjug press agency as saying that he was stepping down because of Mr. Pan-ic's decision to run against Mr. Mi-

Mr. Kovac, a member of Serbia's ruling Socialist Party, as the former nunists now call themselves, said that as his party already had a presidential candidate, Mr. Milosevic. Mr. Panic's decision had forced

him to resign.

Mr. Panic has not yet declared whether he will run in the Dec. 20 elections, but his aides said he was expected to announce his decision within 24 hours. In a last-minute action over the

10,000 signatures needed to put Mr. Panic, a Yugoslav-botu American millionaire, on the ballot. Belgrade radio quoted Serbia's Electoral Commission as saying that Mr. Panic did not have the proof of one year's residence in-Serbia. If he cannot provide that

be considered invalid. The elections are on the federal

level and also in Yugoslavia's two constituent republics. The federal president and prime minister are appointed by parliament, but the rbian president is directly elect-

Mr. Kovac's decision came as Mr. Panic accused Mr. Milosevic of trying to undermine his government by engineering two other ministerial resignations over the weekend "in a frenzied effort to stay in power at all costs."
On Saturday, a minister without portfolio, Radmila Milentijevic,

quit the government, saying Mr. Panic's statements "were the basis of a policy with which, as a Serb and a patriot, I cannot agree." On Sunday, Economy Minister Nikola Sainevic resigned, saying he disagreed with "the unprecedented

way of involving foreigners and in-terests of foreign powers in the govweekend, students collected the ernment's policy."
Foreign Minister Vladislav Jovanovie resigned in September. Adhering to his manner of governing Serbia, Milosevic is now seeking to undermine the federal

A recent opinion poll on prefer-ences for president put Mr. Panic in second place behind the current federal president, Dobrica Cosic. who has said he is not running. Mr. Milosevic was well back in fourth 200

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Together with Mr. Cosic, Mr. Panic opposes Mr. Milesevic's na-tionalist policy of forciby forging a greater Serbia with territory drawn from republics that have second from Yugoslavia.
Mr. Milosevic is seen in the

West, and among moderate Serbs. as the main perpetrator of the fighting which has killed thousands and made 2.5 million people

In Bosnia, Scrbs and Muslim-led government forces battled near Sazjevo's airport on Monday. A truce kept the Crostian-Bosnian border quiet, but fighting con-vulsed other parts of the republic. Bosnian officials in Surgevo re-leased figures putting the number of dead and missing in the eight

month war at more than 100,000. Separately, UN officials in the capital said two Spanish peace keepers were seriously wounded near Jablanica, south of Sarajevo, ment for his own narrow po-

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WASHINGTON - The CIA, it is rumored, has something that

Bill Clinton wants to get his hands on. This precious cache — reputedly gathered over decades, through Republican and Democratic administrations alike — has been the subject of high-level discussions in the Clinton camp for several

"We have been told," a source close to Mr. Clinton said, "that the CIA has a copy of every spy thriller and mystery novel ever published. If it's true, we want access to those books."

Books: The president-elect loves them, with one of those outsize appetites of his; he loves them like he loves french fries and apple fritters. He jokes about creating a federal Office of Detective Fiction. Mr. Clinton reads to relax, friends say, and to sharpen his thinking. He reads for ammo to feed his now-famous barrages of

And Mr. Clinton reads — even when he is reading only detective novels — to further his grand designs on history. Right now, for example, he has his hands on Martin Cruz Smith's latest mystery, "Red Square," which was recommended not just as a page turner but as background on today's corrupt, post-Communist Moscow.

Reading was, aides say, a matter of sanity during the grueling campaign. Through the long, draining months, Mr. Clinton kept two books going at all times: One on political or economic issues, the other a tale of detective heroics.

(WP)

An insider With 'Brains, Bucks and Baklava'

WASHINGTON — George Stephanopoulos, the brown-eyed baron of communications for Bill Clinton, is coming back to Washington. And it isn't just the ladies who are swooning.

The entire Greek-American population is delirious with glee. Its 20,000 or so members, clustered in various neighborhoods and surrounding suburbs, have never been so energized.

At least, not since Michael S. Dukakis ran for office. But Mr. Dukakis didn't win. "We Greeks think that we have charisma, and that was the one

thing that the last two candidates, Dukakis and Tsongas, lacked," said the Reverend George Papaioannou, the pastor of St. George's Greek Orthodox Church in Bethesda, Maryland. "But George has it,

"Whenever I speak to a Greek in Washington, George Stephano-poulos is the first thing they mention," said George Savidis, the public affairs director for the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, the nation's oldest and largest Greek-American Certain events have already become lore: On Election Day,

Dimitrios Sarakinis mounted a two-foot-square (60-centimeter-square) photograph of Mr. Stephanopoulos in his car repair shop in suburban Rockville, Maryland, as two lambs, one named George Bush, the other Ross Perot, roasted outside. "My friend found it in

USA Today and blew it up for me," he said of the photo.
On election night, the management of the restaurant Athenian
Plaka served Stephanopoulos Shooters, made from ouzo, metaxa, and grenadine, on the house.

John Arvanitis, the owner of The Lunch Box cafeteria downtown, even clipped a photo of Mr. Stephanopoulos from People magazine and hung it in his home. "He's an excellent role model for my 16-year-old son," he said. "And if my daughter were a little older, I wouldn't mind if George Stephanopoulos came by to ask for her. I'd throw a traditional Greek wedding for George." (NYT)



George Stephanopoulos, the Clinton communications director.

Quote/Unquote:

Doug Taylor, a self-described hard-core Republican who owns The Nugget bar and grill in Summerland, California, after a visit by Bill Clinton: "I'm thinking about changing my ways. He said he wanted to help the economy. He sure helped ours."

(AP)

Away From Politics

• The chance of a major earthquake bitting southern California in the next year is 4 to 12 percent, a government report said. That estimate, in a report by the U.S. Geological Survey and two California government departments, is up to three times higher than the 3 to 4 percent probability of a quake measuring 7 or above on the Richter scale that was estimated before a series of big quakes in California earlier this year.

• The number of Americans receiving food stamps has exceeded 26 million, or 1 in 10, for the first time, according to Agriculture Department records for September. A department spokesman said that that distribution of the coupons, to hurricane victims in Florida. Louisiana and Hawaii and to victims of a typhoon in Guam, had helped raise the total.

 NASA's countdown clocks have begun ticking toward the launching of the space shuttle Discovery, which carrying a surveillance satellite, but cold weather threatens to delay lift-off. The military mission will he the final shuttle flight of this year.

• Arthur Scale received 95 years in prison for the kidnapping and killing of an Exxon executive. Sidney Reso. Mr. Seale, 45, and his wife, Irene, abducted Mr. Reso, president of Exxon International, from the driveway of his Morris Township home in New Jersey on April 29. Mr. Reso, 57, was handcuffed, bound and gaged in a box in a storage vanit where he died May 3. The Seales buried him in Bass River State Park. They tried to collect an \$18.5 million ransom. AP, AFP, NYT, UPI, Remers

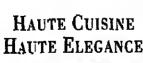
Senator to Fight Harassment Case

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WASHINGTON - Senator Bob Packwood will spend a week in an alcohol treatment program, but will not consider resigning and has hired an attorney to defend him in a possible Senate ethics investigation of sexual harassment allegations, an aide said Monday.

Mr. Packwood, Republican of Oregon, whose whereabouts have been kept secret for more than a week, voluntarily entered treat-

Ten women —former Packwood staff members or lobbyists — have accused the four-term senator of uninvited and unwanted sexual advances over the years, Mr. Pack-wood was re-elected earlier this month. Before the election, Mr. Packwood denied the allegations against him, but he has since retreated from those denials.







The Jeading Hotels of the World

Clinton **May Court New Faces** In Congress

SUMMERLAND, California --President-elect Bill Clinton may pay a call on House freshmen next

week to help build congressional support for his proposals, aides said Monday as he wrapped up a four-day California vacation. "A new crowd is coming to town, both in Congress and in the White House," said a transition aide, Al From Mr. Clinton. Mr. From said, hopes to build early alliances with

Although his plans are not defi-nite, if Mr. Clinton traveled to Washington, he would be likely to go early next week, when members of the new Congress will he holding

the 110 new House members.

organizational meetings.

The president-elect sees great potential for allies in the new group of congressmen; many of them were elected on themes of change. Mr. From, the transition's director for domestic policy, said Mr. Clinton would be looking to them for help with his legislative proposals to let people swap public service for college mition, to mim the fed-eral bureaucracy, and to reform campaign finance and lobbying

"These guys are coming from outside Washington," Mr. From said. "There are a number of new ideas, reform issues, that Clinton is going to pursue that I think they'll be interested in. They're going to be

a key group."
In addition, he said, many of them are "committed deficit-cutters," which Mr. Clinton considers

A senior side said Mr. Clinton



Bill Clinton high-fiving a supporter at a California restaurant

hoped to forge early alliances with the freshmen and let them know "he's willing to work with them."

A Clinton trip to Washington next week also would coincide with a Democratic Leadership Council banquet on Dec. 8, Mr. Clinton is a former chairman of the council, which was founded by centrists.

where he had dined. Mr. Clinton was ending his vacation Monday. Mr. Clinton was headed back to Little Rock, Arkansas, on Monday

night to resume transition work. He held a flurry of interviews last week with potential cabinet selections, and said he was close to making decisions. But aides said the first of his appointments might not come

He Just Can't Stop Running

Election Is Over, but the Winner's Politicking Goes On

By Michael Kelly

New York Times Service SANTA BARBARA, California - Running along the beach over the weekend. Bill Clinton came upon a volleyball game, a group of bronzed young Californians at play. The president-elect briefly joined in. Gawkers marveled. "Which one is the president?" a

"He's the one with the white

legs," another replied.

But Mr. Clinton, so much paler than the typical beach devotee as to seem of a different species, has one great point in common with the worshipers of sun and sea in Southern California. Like the surfers forever chasing the perfect wave, the president-elect is chasing the perfeet encounter with a voter.

When Mr. Clinton was elected, it seemed reasonable to assume that he would stop campaigning. Instead, he has segued from the last race into the next one. The emerging style of his presidency is the style of the endless campaign.

At its heart, the style is personal, a ceaseless effort to maintain and extend a direct connection between Bill Clinton and the people. The connection is intimate and emotional and far more physical than is the presidential norm.

The Clinton touch with the pub-lic is an article of faith among his advisers, who liked to boast during the campaign that he almost invariably won the support of anyone he actually met. And they have high hopes that this approach will work in the long haul of the presidency.

But others say the tactic carries risk as well. While calling what he termed the "post-inauguration ex-tension of the campaign" a good idea in the short term for a president who will take office without a

this is seen as an attempt to camouflage nonaction on the economic from, it could be counterproducof trivializing his mandate and damaging the gravitas of the presidency if he monkeys around too

Mr. Clintoo's style as he pre-pares to enter the White House is born of the style that got him there. While George Bush mostly limited his excursions among the people to brief visits with small, well-controlled groups. Mr. Clinton sought as many intimate contacts as possi-ble. In a 16-hour day, he would touch and be touched by perhaps several hundred people, and would speak directly to thousands.
Since winning office, he has con-

tinued in this manner, which politi-cal experts call "retail politics." On his daily run or exercise session at the Little Rock Downtown YMCA, he is open, for instance, to anyone who approaches him for a private word or an autograph.

On a grander scale, he has developed the habit of making an ostensibly informal, but actually carefully arranged, walk among the people once every week or so. These events, known among his aides as "meet and greets," are the heart of retail politics, and Mr. Clinton does them very well.

Going against accepted political wisdom, he ran a retail campaign in the season of wholesale politics, understanding that the broadening effect of television would make small moments large.

Mr. Clinton's visit last week to the Glendale Galleria, a gigantic shopping mall in a suburb of Los majority of voters behind him, Ke-vin Phillips, a Republican political offer and the danger they pose.

analyst, warned against a pro-longed reliance on public relations.
"If he reaches the point where floors that movement along the areas where Mr. Clinton was to walk,

As he made his way, talking and ove," he said. "He also runs the risk listening and touching, the crowd reacted with a level of excitement more usually given to movie stars. straining against the line of worried police officers and Secret Service agents, who made them wave their hands in the air to show they carried no weapons.

Mr. Clinton's top aides say he

will continue this sort of thing after he assumes the presidency.

"He does not intend to become a prisoner of the White House," said Bruce Lindsey, a senior adviser: "This is one of the ways that he maintains a sense of what's going on — talking to real people about their real problems is a way for him national problems are, and whether the solutions are working."

Clinton aides do not generally cite as the model for their boss's first term John F. Kennedy, the president Mr. Clinton most obviously evokes in mannerisms of ges-ture and speech. Rather, they pointto Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Like Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Clinton will take office at a turning point in history. Like Mr. Roosevelt, he is-widely admired but also widely mistrusted. Like Mr. Roosevelt, he. will face a set of competing interesis pushing him in contradictory

Mr. Roosevelt huilt his base with fireside chats on radio that forged a strong, intimate bond with millions of voters. But Mr. Clinton must use. televisioo, in which pictures, not words, serve to establish emotional

Angeles, illustrated both the polio-cal and emotional lift such visits lic will still have an appetite for the endless campaign a year from now,

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GERMAN BOND MARKET

MARKET ANTICIPATES RATE CUTS

With interest-rate confidence growing, a big step towards the normalisation of the yield curve has been taken in the past few weeks. Interest-rate inversion is now found only at the short end of the market.

October has been a memorable month for the German bond market. The progress made towards restoring the normal yield structure astounded even the optimists. The yield on five-year securities has dropped below the ten-year yield for the first time since February 1989.

The latest issue of federal bonds, with a coupon rate of 71/4 per cent and sold at par, also gives evidence of the profound change in the market climate. The last time an issue was made on such terms was at year-end 1989/90 (year-end issue by the Federal Government).

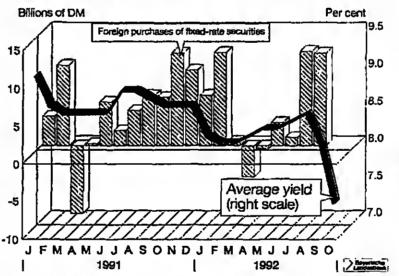
The Bundesbank, via fine-tuning of shortterm rates, has nudged interest rates down by keeping the benchmark for repurchase transactions below 8.9 per cent. This prompted many investors to "jump on the bus" quickly in anticipation of a further key-rate cut. This inevitably led to temporary overshoots, so that the market paused repeatedly to catch its breath. But the general direction is clear: All signals are pointing to a downtrend in interest rates, although we should not forget that rates have already fallen quite substantially. The average interest-rate level has dropped by just over one

percentage point since early September. The expectation of lower interest rates has been underpinned by the economic environment, i.e., the economy's marked weakening. Oo the other hand, inflation is still too high and money supply growth too fast (although opinions as to its implications for monetary policy differ). The fact that the Bundesbank has nevertheless led interest rates lower through fine-tuning is no coincidence. Wheo it became ever more obvious that the uncompromising money squeeze would do almost irreparable damage both at home and abroad, the Bundesbank felt compelled to relax its policy at least to some extent.

Hesitant but effective

The US and Japanese central banks, whose monetary policies had exclusively been geared to fighting inflation since the mid-1980s, began to shift towards ease as early as in December 1990 and in July 1991, re discount rate in seven steps from 7 to 3 per reduced it in five steps from 6 per cent to 31/4 tion in both the United States and Japan was, banks' inevitable response to the fact that eco lagging far behind expectations.

The Federal Republic of Germany, where grow are steadily revised downwards, is playing cate Per cent future.



A surge in foreign buying of German fixed-rate securities usually also affects interest rates. By stepping up their purchases of D-mark bonds, foreign investors helped to oush down the average yield on public bonds by more than a percentage point within a short period of time. In March and April foreigners had been net sellers of German bonds to the tune of DM 41/2 hillion, but they turned net huyers again in the following months. In July and August they even became the No. 1 investor group in the German bond market. Within purchases of DM 25 hillion, foreigners outdistanced banks (DM 17,6 hillion) and even more so non-banks. which reduced their bond holdings by DM 31/2 billion during these two months. The main reason for the high foreign commitment to D-mark bonds is the strength of the mark. When the mark appreciates (against the dollar and major European currencies), foreign having kicks in and drives interest rates down. Inversely, foreigners will dispose of D-mark bonds when the mark's apeal fades, thus pushing interest rates up.

the other major industrial nations. The Bundesbank is also making allowance for this new situation; its response, though hesitant, is nevertheless quite effective. The average yield on public bonds dropped from 8.33 per cent in early September

____ to 7.23 per cent on 26th October. This sharp drop in the public bond yield can be read as a move by the markets in anticipation of the cut in the key rates expected to be made in the foreseeable

The potential for further cuts, however, is limited. This, if for no other reason, because of the inflation rate, which though fairly comfortably in the three per cent range at present - is poised to rise above four per cent again early next year when the value-added tax is raised from 14 per cent to 15 per cent. Inflation is expected to keep at this level until spring. The temporary acceleration of prices will also be taken into account by the Bundesbank in the conduct of its

monetary policy. And another thing that should not be overlooked: Although across-the-board vield inversion, from money-market vields to the long-term bond yield, is now a thing of the past, there is still a reverse yield gap between short-term (maturities of up to one year) and long-term yields. Short-term rates would therefore have to fall at a faster rate than, for example, the ten-year bond yield. In other words, a drop in the long-term yield would have to

be accompanied by an even deeper drop-induced by a determined key-rate cut by the Bundesbank-in money - market rates, which also include the rate for three-

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A Hurdle for Yeltsin

Yeltsin has apparently managed to strengthen greatly the prospects for his economic reforms. A month ago it seemed probable that he would suffer a severe defeat at the hands of the Congress of People's Deputies, which opens this Tuesday. This unreconstructed body, still stuffed with the functionaries of the late Soviet state, is not a natural ally for Mr. Yeltsin. But with some symbolic concessions here and a few compromises there he has been working diligently to disarm his opposition. He is now going further and talking about organizing

a political party to support the reforms. The question now is not whether to go ahead with them but, for most Russians, how fast and how rigorously. The people who categorically oppose the whole idea seem to have been isolated on the fringes of right and left, while the broad center, if not friendly. is at least willing to deal with Mr. Yeltsin.
He has fired a couple of aides who had become lightning rods for his critics, and yet he is firmly retaining his acting prime minister, Yegor Gaidar, whose presence signals a continued commitment to keep

moving toward a genuine market economy.

Slowing down the transition to placate the opposition unfortunately means running up its financial costs. It means, for example, continuing the payrolls of fac-

Wily and agile, Russia's President Boris tories that are not producing much or, as in the case of the arms industry, are producing the wrong things. That raises difficult choices for Mr. Yeltsin's friends in the West. They have a responsibility to support the process of reform, but they do not went to find themselves financing procrastination in a society that faces manually deep

and painful changes.

Over the years ahead, Russia can ease its present shortage of foreign exchange by in-viting foreign investment. But before it can do that it has to enact laws providing for private ownership, taxation and repatriation of investors' profits — all political questions of enormous difficulty for people who have lived for three generations under the Soviet system. While it would be better for Russia if those questions could be answered quickly, it is hardly reasonable to expect great speed.
Russia's Congress, and its response to
Mr. Yeltsin, will chiefly determine the next

stage of the enormous transformation now under way. The West can do no more than try to see that this extraordinary process does not collapse because of inadequate aid from abroad. That alone cannot guarantee that democracy and liberal economics will prevail, but it is essential to ensure that Mr. Yeltsin is not defeated by external forces beyond Russia's control.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Kurds Versus Kurds

Twenty million Kurds scattered across Turkey, Iraq and Iran have long aspired to an independent state. Yet it has been their fate to be manipulated by more powerful nations, including the United States. The usual result has been betrayal, persecution and defeat. A new version of that sad scenario may again be unfolding.

Iraqi Kurds, under a Western military umbrella meant to protect them from Saddam Hussein, have joined forces with the Turkish army to attack the Iraqi base camps of the Kurdistan Workers Party, a Marxist group fighting for the indepen-dence of Kurdish areas in Turkey. The Workers Party, whose activities on the Iraqi side of the border helped provoke the fighting deserves little sympathy. But Turkey's Kurdish minority of more than 10 million deserves a lot. Most of the world's Kurds now live in Turkey, where they remain subject to oppressive controls designed to submerge their Kurdish identity. Turkey's efforts to stamp out Workers Party rebels have brought heavy civilian casualties and systematic human rights abuse.

Iraqi Kurdish militias had little choice but to cooperate with Turkish operations in northern Iraq. They are dependent on sup-plies trucked in over the Turkish frontier. and Turkish support is vital to the allied air umbrella. Former Secretary of State James Baker reportedly told Kurdish leaders that if they wanted continued U.S. protection they had to maintain friendly relations with Tur-key. Yet Turkey's friendship is strictly limited. Just this month, the foreign ministers of Turkey. Iran and Syria declared their tinease about the political autonomy that Iraqi

Kurds now assert in their protected zone.
What a painful alliance Iraqi Kurds have been pressured into making: with a country that opposes their own aspirations and oppresses millions of fellow Kurds. What an odd mix of liaisons Turkey oow simulta-neously maintains; with the West, with Iran and Syria and with Iraqi Kurds. And what contradictory principles America appears to uphold: blessing Turkish anti-Kurdish operations in the very area of Iraq where it is protecting Kurds from Saddam Hussein. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

A Recovery Debate

other day that the American economy grew ous structural problems that the economy at an annual rate of 3.9 percent in the third also faces. A sustained 3.9 percent growth quarter, the strongest such sunburst of ex- rate might indeed make such a difference, pansion in George Bush's term. The admin- but it remains to be established that the istration quickly pounced on the report as July-September rate can last. proof that it had been tight about the eco nomy all along. The "figures made us all feel ... almost vindicated," presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said.

The administration's version of events will likely be, as the president maintained in the campaign, that the recovery was already well under way as the election approached; that administration policy leading up to election day (lower taxes, less regulation, less govern-ment generally) was correct; that only an accident of timing cost Mr. Bush the election; that the Republicans handed the Democrats not a broken economy but a nicely ticking one; and that if anything goes wrong in the future it is the fault not of the inheritance but of the inheritor. About like that

In fact it is not that simple; it never is. The cyclical issue was never whether the recession itself had technically ended but to what extent its effects had. The recovery has thus far been a weaker one than normal and too weak to make much of a dent in the

Beyond the business cycle are the more fundamental problems with the economy; these are not all George Bush's fault, although be did little enough to address most of them. The rates of productivity growth and investment continue to be low; the budget deficit and income inequality are high; health care continues to threaten to be the cost that are the rest of the economy.

The welcome July-to-September growth rate is not to be dismissed. An expanding economy would indeed be a gift to the Democrats. By weakening the case for tra-ditional stimulus, it could free the new administration and Congress to concentrate on deficit reduction and other steps that could make a difference over the longer haul. A strong recovery would mean that there was less to be dooe. It would not mean that the structural problems that largely grew worse in the past 12 years had

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Battle in the Pentagon

The fate of America's economic recovery may well turn on arguments going on in the Tank. That is the eavesdrop-proof chamber in the Pentagon where the Joint Chiefs of Staff meet to thrash out their differences. Now they are confronting the toughest questions - not foreign enemies but their

own services' roles and missions.

Throughout the Cold War, America has had two light infantries, one in the army and the other in the marines. It has had four combat air arms, in the air force, navy, marines and army. And it has had three - in some cases, four - service academies, chap-

lains' corps, medical corps, legal corps.

President-elect Bill Clinton will oeed every penny of savings he can find if he is to rebuild America's infrastructure and properly educate the work force. By finally eliminating some of this extravagant duplication of effort, the chiefs can now provide for

nonsense common defense. The air force offers a prototypical example. Its raciest mission is strategie bombing. That is why it wants the fastest, most maneuverable planes it can buy. At the same time it resists the undramatic duty of providing cover for ground forces.

Each service wants the capabilities it needs to carry out its preferred missions without having to rely on the others. The army and the marines want their own helicopter gunships and planes able to cover their troops on the battlefield.

The services also have their own flying

schools and maintenance facilities. And each wants new planes and helicopters --\$400 billion worth in all, an amount that would bust even the present overblown budget. But Congress, unwilling to preempt any of the president-elect's decisions, has so far maintained funding for them all.

That is as crazy as it sounds. Vast changes in technology and greatly diminished threats have made the existing division of responsibilities outmoded. There is no good reason the air force cannot provide close air support for infantry. There is no good reason for both the army and the

marines to develop a new helicopter. The marines and the army, together, have eight light infantry divisions — two more than the United States needs. They have 40 tank battalions. Why can't the army provide the marines with armor?

Mr. Clinton has said he is prepared to cut the \$280 billion-a-year defense budget by \$60 billion over five years. He could cut around \$60 billion in one year if he could get the Joint Chiefs to be joint and chiefs - and rationalize their roles and missions.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

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Unfinished Business for Bush

WASHINGTON - A final pol-icy debate about Saddam Hussein is churning up through the bureaucracy for George Bush to setthe before leaving office on Jan. 20. The debate gives him an opportunity to do much more than have a last word about Saddam's late. The Iraqi dictator is keeping his

head down in the dying days of the Bush administration. He fears correctly, I am told on good anthority — that the Bush team would welcome one last go at him.

President Bush is not likely to get

that chance. But he can take steps to

shore up the post-Descri Storm poli-

cy of diplomatie confrontation. Otherwise the policy of America and its allies to isolate Iraq until and its allies to isolate Iraq until Saddam leaves power could crode with Mr. Bush gone from the scene. Incredibly, there are American officials who argue that profilers on Iraq should be eased instead of intensified. They frame their case in more sophisticated terms, but essentially they want American but essentially they want American tially they want America to return to the accommodationist policies that helped build Saddam up into a re-gional menace in the first place.

The immediate trigger for the de-bate will be the completion in early December of the 210-kilometer (130mile) line of pillars that will provide the first physical demarcation of the border between Iraq and Kuwait. Saddam sought to erase this previ-ously ill-defined non-line in the sand herween the two Arab countries:

By Jim Hoagland

with his 1990 invasion of Kuwait. Survey and construction teams sponsored by the United Nations Security Council began sinking the pillars into the desert at two-kilometer intervals in late October. The Security Council has promised to guarantee the border, which is based on the original 1963 frontier lines drawn by departing British colonial

Iraq has refused to accept that line and continues to claim Kuwait as Iraqi territory. By insisting on demarcating the 1963 frontier, the United Nations has in effect awarded Kuwait half a dozen oil wells claimed and operated by Iraq in the Rumaila oil field, perhaps an equal number of border posts still manned by Iraqi police, and the southern approaches to Umm Qasr, Iraq's only approaches to Umm Qasr, Iraq's only approaches to Umm Qasr, Iraq's only approaches to Umm Qasr, on the Gulf ly operational port on the Gulf. Withdrawing Iraqi units from the

border posts will be a bitter pill for Saddsip to swillow. So will forfeit-ing the territory in the Runsils field, which straddles the border, and the land south of Umm Qasr. Losing this territory would establish that his rash, criminal attack on Kuwait cost Iraq not only lives but also valuable national territory. Saddam's claim to have survived the Gulf War with "honor" will ring

even more hollow. What Saddam will do in these

circumstances is not clear. Iraqi po-lice have backed up Baghdad's re-fusal to accept the UN demarcation line by seizing five foreigners work-ing in the disputed area since June. Ultimately the UN promise to guarantee the border is based on US military muscle and williamers. U.S. military muscle and willingness to make Saddam comply. That is why a clear, determined public U.S. commitment to recognize and defend the border as soon as the de-

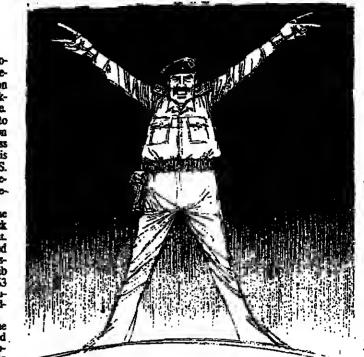
marcation is completed is vital.

But accommodationists in the bush administration hope to block such a statement by the president. They are urging that the United States return to its traditional refusstates return to its traditional retus-al to take any position on Arab border disputes. Backing the 1963 frontier, they argue, would turn fu-ture Iraqi governments after Sad-dam against America. Sound familiar? It should. It is the

same kind of thinking that predicted that if Ronald Reagan bombed Libya, or George Bush fought Iraq to free Knwait, the Arab world would turn against America forever. It is the false picture of Arab sensitivities and complexities that a generation of American Arabists have tried to sell as the basis for U.S. Middle East policy. Faihre and error do not deter them from trying again.

A strong U.S. stand on the UN-demarcated border — which Ku-

wait can finally settle in peaceful negotiations with a future demo-cratic Iraqi government — will help



bring home to the Iraqis the enormous damage Saddam has done to

their country.

Before leaving office, Mr. Bush should also seek from Congress and the United Nations formal designation of Saddam as an international war criminal. The designa-tion would deter other states from dealing with Saddam in the future even if it does not produce a trial. In the twilight of his administra-tion, Mr. Bush can act to make sure that it is twilight time for Saddam and for the discredited, condescending view of the Arabs held by their apologists in the West. That would be a contribution to U.S. foreign policy that would reach beyond Jan. 20.

Foreign Policy: A Streamlined Agenda for a Novice President

BOSTON — Bill Clinton's deak must be covered by now with reports from American think tanks depicting an incredible variety of world problems, and telling him he must face up to them. Within the bureaucracy, forgotten precincts are preparing memos saying that their long-oeglected clients need the care that only the new president can provide. If the president-elect is to focus on America's eco-nomic revival, as he has promised to do, bow is he to cope with all the demands for attention to foreign policy?

He should concentrate on those problems

requiring most argent action, and ignore, postpone or delegate the rest. Three, arguably four problems do need his attention. In descending order of importance, judged by their potential for benefit or damage.

to the United States, they are:
Russia and Ukraine. The United States cannot keep Boris Yeltsin in power, and it should avoid nailing its colors to a sinking ship, as the Bush administration did with Mikhail Gorba-chev. Nor does the United States have the political knowledge and ability to turn these two great states into vibrant market economies: Their development must essentially come from within. In that sense, America's inability to provide high-level economic assistance is irreleBy John W. Holmes

vant. But there is a motive for providing what help is required to keep both countries, under whatever leadership they choose, on the path to cutting back (in Russia's case) or eliminating

(in Ukraine's) strategie nuclear weapons. The right prescription is a maintenance program aimed at reducing their military threat.

International trade. The Urugusy Round of trade talks is a tangle of stultifying detail and high political-economic significance. Bill Clinton should pray that the Bush administration. can somehow bring it to a conclusion. Bot the

time for that is running out.

The deal now being haggled over would provide the much talked about jump start that the world economy needs, as well as a means to calm trade relations between the United States and its principal trading partners, especially in Western Europe and Japan. In the absence of a deal, the already sluggish world economy will suffer the drag of creeping protectionism.

And U.S. relations with Europe and Japan. already weakened by the end of the Soviet

threat that had driven those regions under the American umbrella, will grow worse.

Macedonia. Say what one will about U.S.

and West European attitudes toward the Yugoslav tragedy, standoffishness up to now has been based on the unspoken rationale that this was a civil war, Yngoslavs killing other Yugo-slavs. But if the fighting spreads south. Mac-edonia threatens to become the cockpit of a Balkan war involving Greece and Turkey, both American allies. It is too late, if it ever was time, to intervene

Bosnia, but it is not too late for the United Nations or the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe to issue a pronounce-ment on the territorial integrity of Macedonia. The United States would have to take the lead here, particularly because of Greece's political

and semantic problems with Macedonia.

The pronouncement should be backed with a willingness and capability to defend Macedonia. To do so would be easier than to intervene in Croatia or Bosnia, where Serbian troops are already implanted, and should be within the grasp of the Western European Union. But, if occessary, NATO, including American forces, could do the job.

The Middle East. Even a United States that

wishes to be selective about its foreign engagements has to care about the Middle East, for is not monetarily costly (unless another war has to be fought there) but time-consuming. Bill Clinton will not have the time. He should select a secretary of state who matches James Baker's negotiating ability and access to the president and let him resume the negotiations.

What of the "new world order"? The outgo ing administration, despite its obsession with foreign policy, never came up with the good ideas or effective actions necessary to rebuild the world order. Mr. Clinton should learn from this, while doing what comes naturally. The United Nations and the big international financial organizations were the product of planning and negotiation that went on throughout World War II. Mr. Clinton should organize and grandly announce an examination of the world and of the United States' role in it. By the time the study is finished be will, if the American economy has begun to revive, have the time and strength to seek to carry out its findings.

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Clinton Should Take a Cue From Roosevelt's Conservation Corps

N EW ORLEANS — In his search for ways to revitalize the United States, President-elect Bill Clinton would do well to create a modern

Civilian Conservation Corps.
On March 31, 1933, three weeks after Franklin Roosevelt's inauguration, Congress authorized the CCC, primarily as an unemployment relief measure to provide jobs for 250,000 men aged 18 to 25. They worked in forestry and public works jobs, build-

mg roads, improving national parks, putting up flood walls.

To its Republican detractors, the corps was classic New Deal makework; to its Democratie defenders, it represented what government could do to employ young men in a project that benefited the unemployed, the

army and the entire country.

At the time Congress was cutting the army's budget by 33 percent.

Army troop strength had already fallen from its World War I peak of 4 million to 125 000 million to 175,000.

Douglas MacArthur, the army's chief of staff, saw an opportunity to save young officers about to lose their commissions. He proposed that the army take control of the corps camps. By Stephen E. Ambrose

ing that the army's job was to prepare

At Fort Benning, Georgia, he took command of six all-black companies. In his memoirs he described them as in ms memous are described mean as coming from "the poorent farm areas of Georgia and Alabama" and said that some of them "had not had a square meal for at least a year." He gave them meals and physicals, and a lew weeks of training, and sent them

of the army's greatest successes ever. The corps lasted until America en-tered World War II. In the end, it employed nearly 3 million men, re-planted millions of acres, built thousands of miles of rural roads and hundreds of miles of levees.

One of the many accomplishments of the corps was to bring together people from all over America. Jews from New York shared barracks with

Roosevelt agreed, provided that the employees, although under military discipline, oot get military training.

Many officers were reductant, argufor war, not serve as baby-sitters. But Major Omar Bradley was enthusiastic.

out to replant logged areas of the Deep South. He called the CCC one

bow to live and work together.

The corps also saved the army.

Not only relatively senior officers
but junior officers in the hundreds

found meaning in the work as they learned to mobilize untrained and poorly educated young men. These experiences were central to the success of turning the 1939 army of 170,000 into the army of 8 million that won the war.

The domestic parallels with 1992 are inescapable. America's youth is in crisis. Rural whites and inner-city blacks know nothing of one another.
Racial tensions are boiling over. Americans are rearing a generation

of young people who have never ex-perienced the rewards of discipline, hard work and cooperation.

The country's infrastructure and environment desperately need repair. There are unused barracks in abandoned army posts. Some of the country's most dedicated and brightest

young men and women are being forced out of the army.

A new nationwide CCC would go

far toward curing these ills. It would offer immediate employment with long-term benefits to women and men. And what a boost for the army, which showed after Hurricane Andrew that it can do big jobs far better than any other government agency.
What would it cost? In most cases,

the barracks and equipment already exist and come free, as do the leaders. A first-year program for 1 million volunteers being paid \$500 a month would come to less than \$1 billion, a

bargain considering that a new corps would certainly reduce the amount the country has to spend on welfare and to fight crime.

In their haste to cut the defense

budget, Americans ought not frittef away a great national asset - just as they cannot afford to lose the buman potential of the nation's teenagers. Bring back the CCC.

The writer is author of "Band of Brothers: E Company, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne, From Normandy (4) Hitler's Eagle's Nest," He contributed this comment to The New York Times

Infrastructure for What Players?

GOING well beyood convention-al ootions of Keynesian pump-priming, many in Bill Clinton's camp express a near religious faith in the idea that upgrading immovable as-sets — bridges, roads, transit sys-tems, communications networks will lure global investors to America. This "field of dreams" mentality ("If we build it, they will come") largely grows out of economic as-

sumptions that downplay the impor-tance of local and national compa-nies as drivers of economic strength. High value-added producers multinational companies, skilled workers, managers, lawyers and enter-tainers — are seen as essentially nomadic economic forces, alighting only where local conditions are attractive.
To induce these stateless producers to invest and establish themselves, America must build the world's most ad-

ica must build the world's most ac-vanced infrastructure.

But a "field of dreams" industrial policy will fail if not supplemented with national technology and region-al development strategies. Mr. Clin-ton's economic planners should first concentrate on ensuring that America has the "teams" - strong U.S. companies, business networks and

workers - that can take advantage of the upgraded assets. Short of that, the new administration could spend a public fortune for an infrastructure that attract no new economic players,

In successful economics like Jat pan's, investing in roads, bridges of even fancy high-tech communication systems has long had a lower priority than in many other countries, including the United States. It represents just one part of comprehensive effects one part of comprehensive effects one part of comprehensive effects. forts to create opportun jobs and skills for their citizens.
Countries that focus on infrastruc

ture investments, by contrast, are almost certain to be at a disadvantage in the global competition of the 1990s. France, for example, invested beavily in such high-tech infrastructure projects as the TGV high-speed train and the Minitel national computer system, but these showpieres have done little to encourage the de-velopment of strong domestic manufacturing or information industries. Even by torpid European standards, France's overall industrial competitiveness has slipped, particularly if high-technology electronics. - Joel Kotkin and David Friedman,

writing in the Los Angeles Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Royal Marriage Off

BERLIN — The projected marriage between the Russian Crown Prince and Princess Mary of Greece was thwarted by the opposition of Queen Olga. The Greek people distike mar-riages between cousins as an offence against the Orthodox Church and when the eldest daughter of the Greek Royal couple, the Grand Duchess Royal couple, the Grand Duchess ast the Orthodox Church and Paul, died, many Greeks regarded this as an indication of God's anger.

1917: Russian Shift?

PETROGRAD - By a dramatic turn of events the acceptation by Germany of the Russian truce and peace offers coincides with an important development in the Petrograd political situation. Lenin's grip at the bead of affairs has been loosened, and a Coalition Cabinet has been formed in which Lenin's adversaries are strongly represented. Austria-Hungary has accepted the Leninite

truce proposals. Preliminary negotia-

tions have taken place with the Ger man Command. The actual negotiations will open to-morrow [Dec. 2].

1942: Tightening Trap MOSCOW - From our New York

edition:] The Red Army killed 7,500 more Germans and knocked out 75 tanks on the blizzard-swept Rzhev front west of Moscow and gained six miles near Stalingrad yesterday [Nov. 30] in twin offensives still rolling onward despite desperate Nazi counter-stracks. On the Stalingrad front, where Russian armies were trying to throttle the remnants of the Nazi siege army originally numbering about 300,000, there appeared to be no German disposition to try to break out of a slowly closing Russian trap. With many Nazi rear supply lines snapped by the Russians, the German High Command was reported trying to fly in food and munitions to Nazis and Rumanians caught be-tween the Don and Volga Rivers by

the Soviet encirclement.

The Religious Right Has It Both Ways

D ALLAS — On the Friday be-fore election day, USA Today carried a full-page advertisement headed "CHRISTIAN BEWARE." lt told readers that Bill Clinton sup-ported policies condemned by the Bible. He was for "abortion on de-mand," and "special rights" for ho-mosexuals, and "giving condoms to teenagers in public schools." Each item cited a biblical passage.

Giving condoms, for example, was said to violate Exodus 20:12, "honor thy father and thy mother ... The Bible warns us to not follow

another man in his sin," the ad said. "How then can we vote for Bill Chinton?" At the bottom, the advertisement said it was sponsored by The Church at Pierce Creek in Bingham-ton, New York, and by "churches and concerned Christians nationwide." It added: "Tax-deductible donations for this advertisement

gladly accepted." The sponsors almost certainly violated the Internal Revenue Code, according to lawyers I asked. Section 501(c)(3) of the code governs organizations entitled to receive tax-deductible contributions, and it forbids them to participate in partisan politics.

Nor was it a trivial political expenditure. USA Today's rate for a full-page ad on Friday is \$65,810. Some readers, outraged by the use of tax-exempt money for poli-tics, wrote to the Internal Revenue Service to complain about the ad. The IRS never says whether it is investigating. But if it is and finds a violation, it can revoke an organization's tax-exempt stams. That advertisement is a graphic By Anthony Lewis

example of a new and important phenomenon in American politics, the rise of the Christian right. It raises the particular question wheth-er church organizations should be tax-exempt when they enter the political arena.
Conservative Christian groups

the extremist anti-abortion group Operation Rescue, distributed pamphlets saying To vote for Bill Clinlon is to sin seainst God." The largest of the organizations is the Reverend Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition. It has 550 affil-

mobilized this year against Mr. Clinton Randall Terry, founder of

iated chapters, is present in all 50 states and has raised more than \$12 million in 1992. The Christian Coelition has applied to the IRS for recognition not under Section 501(e)(3) but under the oext subsection, (c)(4). Groups in that category are tax-exempt but cannot receive deductible contributions. They have wider latitude as advocates. They can lobby, But

their primary purpose cannot be partisan political activity.

While awaiting an IRS decision on its application, the coalition operates as provisionally tax-exempt. The question is whether it complies

with the rule that its main purpose must not be partisan politics. A voter guide that the coalition distributed - 40 million copies was in form nonpartisan. It listed the presidential candidates' positions on a dozen issues important to

the group, like school prayer and

abortion, leaving voters to draw their own conclusions.

But Mr. Robertson has in many ways identified himself and his or-ganization with the Republican Party. The Christian Coalition boasted that bundreds of delegates

at the Republican convention were its members. Mr. Robertson spoke there, and President George Bush went to his headquarters in Virgin-ia to speak. Mr. Robertson has said that he aims to achieve "working" control of the Republican Party through the coalition.

The Christian Coalition has had great success at the local level. It

Georgia last week in the defeat of Democratic Senator Wyche Fowler. In South Carolina, an incumbent Democratic congresswoman who lost, Liz Patterson, was the target of false charges by the Christian Coeli-tion — charges repeated by minis-ters in local churches. A Christian Coalition pamphlet said, for example, that she was for abortion on demand and homosexual rights,

may have made the difference in

both of which she has opposed. If the Christian Coalition were not given 501(c)(4) status, it could still be tax-exempt as a political commit-tee. But then it would have to disclose the names of all who contributed more than \$200, and be subject to contribution limits under the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Christian right have the same rights under the First Amendment as other Americans to engage in politics. But they are not entitled to exemption from the rules of the game. The New York Times.

Pat Robertson and others in the

'On the New Sovereignty': Scripting Bush's Farewell

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Before Larry Eagleburger and Brent Scowcroft return to Kissinger Associates, they would do their country and the world a hig favor by enlisting a serious speech writer like Anthony Snow in a great enterprise: They could help the president-unclect articulate the new international "right to intervene."

Last week harching to do the right thing despite the lack of policy about intervention, George Bush and his advisers suddenly proposed to send a division br two of U.S. troops to end the anarchy preventing the delivery of food to the starving people of Somalia. Bandits are in control; the tiny international force is inadequate, and the United Nations cannot muster the strength of purpose needed. Televised catastrophe looms.

Under that impetus, America's in-man interest superseded its national in-terest. The president persuaded the Joint Chiefs to go along with the political judgment that the moment had come for a genuine "police action."

Americans now find themselves on the offering end of a secret commitment of undetermined scope, and with un-known allies. Through UN leaks and cryptic pronouncements from White House and State Department staff, we learn of the Pentagon's requirement that U.S. troops be under U.S. command if the United Nations secretary-general or Security Council will give its blessing; or if allies help with troops or money; or

ention more acceptable locally. This is the wrong way to go about doing the right thing. The right way is for President Bush to

make his decision about how much force is necessary to intimidate into submission the bandits in Somalia, and how much aid is needed to avert mass starvation. Then - before syndicating that troop and aid commitment among re-sponsible nations, and before asking for a Security Council seal of approval — he should enlist support from congressional leaders and ask for prime time on the world's networks. He would get both. Mr. Bush should then explain what the need is in Somalia and how he proposes to meet it. Let him lay out America's commitment, its expectation of mil-

itary and financial support from others, and its proposal to the United Nations for the temporary governance of the pacified area.
The reaction from world leaders,

President-elect Bill Clinton and the American public could only be supportive. Local gang leaders would assuredly acquiesce. Nobody could rationally object to America riding massive shotgun on the bumanitarian relief coach.

mountaintop: As departing chief of the only standing superpower, he should deal with what George Shultz has long been calling "the new sovereignty."

When do the world's responsible powers have a right to intrude on what used to be an impenetrable sovereignty?

Anarchy offers the obvious invitation to intervene, as is the case in Somalia -but what of cases of genocidal tyranny, as practiced by Iraq in its portion of Kurdistan, or by the Khmer Rouge as it plots new savagery in Cambodia, or by Serbia as it readies for its final solution in Kosovo? The departing American president has the standing to assert that the preservation of human life is an interest - a vital interest, to be redun-

dant — of the world's powers.

As the superpower, the United States has a super-interest - and by its example it shows the way for others to accept their portion of the world's obligation to protect lives and freedoms.

America will not take the lead in every case; nor will it be drawn into extended military involvements alone or against its judgment. But it should be able to suggest an extension of collective security when great numbers of people are being mur-dered or systematically starved.

The world awaits the "new sovereign-ty" speech. George Bush may still have a rendezvous with history.

The New York Times



Fragile Wings Over a Latvia Beach

F AIRFAX, Virginia — Last summer, the beaches near Riga, the Latvian capital, were almost empty only a few joggers could be seen. When I asked why, the locals recited these reasons: I) the water was dirty; 2) prices had jumped up grotesquely; 3) Soviet Jews who had frequented the beaches since the end of World War II had moved to Israel and the United States; 4) tension between Larvians and Russians made people nervous.

Of all these, the last was by far the most important. In a country where the natives make up barely 50 percent of the popula-tion, the Russians, who make up more than 40 percent, now have the derogatory name "migrants." When you add the other minorities to this combination of na-tionalities, you can see how Latvia is doing its best to create a time bomb. ready to explode with ethnic hostility.

I made my last trip to Riga as a member of the Moscow Literary Fund delegation to resume talks on the future of a former all-Union writers' seaside boarding house named Dubulti. The Literary Fund of the former Soviet Union used to own a chain of the boardon the bound a chain of the houses of creativity." Many of them were sinated in such picturesque places as the Caucasus, Crimean and Baltic shores. The Dubulti was taken by the Latvian government almost immediately after dependence was declared.

None of this would have mattered if writers from other former Soviet states had still been able to write in this "house of creativity," under the rustling Baltic

sial, yet it deserves the full attention of

the United Nations and of the incom-

Anthony Lewis's companion piece "Stop Tolerating the Massacre of Bosnia" provided a dramatic footnote to

ing U.S. administration.

dan and other hot spots.

By Vassily Aksyonov

pines. Unfortunately, the new masters nurture feverish plans of converting this modest refuge into a luxury hotel, complete with nightclub and casino. The place was dear to me, for it was

used not only by the well-fed cows of Socielist Realism, but by a bunch of us -the stray dogs of the post-Stalin avant garde. Thirty years ago, I wrote my first novels at Dubulti.

Our plan was to make the house an international Baltic writers' colony instead of an imitation Las Vegas. But as talks began. I was struck by some Latvians' poorly hidden hostility. They re-

MEANWHILE

fused to distinguish those of us who were staunch supporters of indepen-dence from the long-bated "Soviet occupiers" and oppressors. That is why I was invited: As someone known as a dissident and exile, I could not be associated with the notorious "Moscow hand."

Finally, common sense prevailed, and some of our Latvian counterparts agreed to consider our plan. Still, chances for creating an international literary colony are slim, and I would not be surprised to find a cozy gambling den for the Baltic matiosos here next summer.

I write about the Dubulti because it reflects a lot of the current ambivalence, distrust and long-suppressed animosity toward Russians. Latvians certainly ave reasons to dislike the Russians. In 1940, the Red Army crushed their fledg-ling independence and replaced the 19-year-old Latvian state with the mon-

strous Latvian Soviet Socialist Republic run by the local Communist stooges.

Today, as you walk along a Riga street, you can't help catching a sense of alienation: a German-looking town with the Cothic spires: a Russian-speaking Mr. Pfaff is in a gutsy minority of its Oothic spires; a Russian-speaking current-affairs commentators who dare crowd of former Soviet subjects; Latvito speak out for conflict solutions that an signs and billboards incomprehensithe majority may not consider "politi-cally correct." The mandate system is. ble to many. Latvia, in fact, is a small country with a big capital that has an extraordinary cultural influence on the in fact, the only prescription for situa-tions like those in Bosma, Somalia, Su-

rest of the nation. Meanwhile, Russians in Latvia are nervous, uncertain and angry. Under the new "Law of Citizenship," only those who can prove Latvian residency before 1940 will become legitimate citizens — which will make aliens out of virtually the entire Russian population. The press makes it clear that the exodus of the migrants" - one million souls - will

be the only solution. Yet at a husy intersection, people hardly spoke Latvian unless they were the zeme sursis, the camouflage-uniformed members of a new paramilitary group. Russians were all around, working in the city's industry, transportation, public services, culture, trade in all fields except the Latvian National Opera and the government. The na-tionalist circles hope that the Russians will be replaced by the Latvian repatriThe Russians whisper: Haven't you heard, they've started selling arms to all Latvians and refuse to do so to Russians? Fear has huge eyes, says a Russian proverb. The rumors keep spreading: All Russians who failed to pass Latvian language exams will be immedi-ately fired. The authorities will issue special car plates for ethnic Russians. The latter rumor, by the way, came true in neighboring Estonia.

Not surprisingly, the Latvians developed a certain mentality; they saw them-selves as a small, cultured European nation occupied by the caddish Russian hordes. In truth, they were ruled by their own Latvian Red Guards — puppets of the Kremlin. And paradoxically, the Russian intelligentsia were among the strongest supporters of liberation; the independence of the three Baltic states was always included in the context of their anti-totalitarian struggle.

Yet freedom brought bitterness as well as triumph. "I always believed that we're playing on the same team," said one Russian writer. "In January 1991 1 was on the barricades guarding Riga Old Town. I was ready to fight to the bitter end ... Today I realize that many of my Latvian friends of those days still consider me closer to the 'occupiers' than to themselves."

Not long ago, authorities sbut down one of the most innovative and courageous acting companies in the former Soviet Union — the Young Spectator Theater in Riga. Said one dramatist of mixed Russian-Latvian origin:

"I remember their performance of a Vladimir Nahokov play in 1988. lt : stirred up scandal. Some people sitting now in the highest rank of the republic were in charge of the ideology. They were frightened by the possibility of Moscow's angry reaction. The most striking part of this case is that the order to close the Young Spectator; came from the newly appointed minister of culture, a Latvian jazz composer,

Raimond Paulus." I thought about these paradoxes when visited the beach near Dubulti. From gusts of Baltic wind, I saw a strange-looking aircraft descend on the sand; it resembled a pterodactyl. A group of young Russian aviators were offering flights on their moto-gliders to scarce vacationers. A 10-minute flight cost 200

rubles, about a dollar. After the flights, I talked to those towheaded pilots and mechanics. They were all born in Riga, worked at the Riga auto factory and now were on their own as manufacturers. The lads strongly believed in their talent and their ability; to build the best flying hike in the world.

I couldn't belp thinking; Will these young men also be deprived of their citizens' rights in independent Latvia? If so, what will that say about the future Latvian democracy?

The writer, a Russian novelist and essayist, teaches creative writing at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, He contributed this comment to The

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Honored' by Neo-Nazis

The banning of a neo-Nazi march to a cemetery for 20,000 SS troops killed in the 1945 battle for Berlin (IHT, Nov. 16) is another terrifying example of igno-rance in action; the same sort of igno-rance that made the Third Reich possible. Many of the SS war dead buried around Berlin are not even German. In a great irony, the larger percentage of the Waffen SS troops who fought in the final battle for Berlin were from the foreign divisions. The unit that defended the area closest to Hitler's bunker was the Nordland Division, made up of Scandinavians, Latvians and French SS men. Thus, today's version of the Nazi rabble are so stupid that they were trying to "honor" Ausländer, the very people they say they despise.

DAVID T, ZABECKI. Editor, Encyclopedia of World War II in Europe. Bexbach, Germany.

Simply Soldiers

But Mr. Bush's address, to rival Dwight Eisenhower's farewell, should not away that single rescue operation. So frequently and rightly derogated for lack. Civilian Bights.Can't Always Apply, "-by of a vision, he should take the world to a William T. Corbett:

Once upon a time, the military argued that letting blacks into the military would hurt morale (which was racism). Then it argued that women would damage morale (sexism). Now, it is said that homosexuals would be bad for morale (fill in the blank). Yet morale is that quality that was in overabundance in a hotel corridor in Las Vegas not too long ago, and its decline would be no great loss. Those in the military who worry about AIDS might have a point if it weren't so obvious that straight men

with morale get it, too.

It is quite simple: Sex has nothing to
do with the military. Man or woman,
gay or straight, the soldier who would
refuse to work with another soldier should never sign his name. The soldier who harasses another soldier should be kicked out of the military. Those who value their jobs will have to learn to value their fellow man or woman.

DANIEL H. SCHEROTTER.

No Place for Federalism Regarding "A Consensus Built on Hope Has Quietly Come Together" (Opinion, Nov. 25) by Robert H. Phinny: Federalism is not an idea that should

repeal of most of the legal pillars of spartheid, local laws intended to perpetnate the separation of the races have been enacted. The Environment Act, for instance, allows residential communities to exclude newcomers on the grounds that they are a "nuisance," "imhygienic" or contribute to "overcrowding." In es-

be encouraged in South Africa, despite

its positive aspects elsewhere. The object

of the white government in demanding a

federal system is the preservation of a resource-rich "white state"; the black

majority would have little influence over

its laws. Whites own most of the land in

South Africa: much of the rest belones

to the overpopulated, resource-poor black "homelands." The artificial cre-

ation of a mainly white state could pose all sorts of legal obstacles to real integra-tion under a Jederal system. With the

tinuation of business as usual for most whites in South Africa. CAROLYN BUFF.

sence, federalism would allow the con-

Pfaff on the World

William Pfaff's piece "A UN Mandate to Keep — or Impose — the Peace" (Opinion, Nov. 28) is controverRegarding "Who Would Have Thought Europe So Frogile?" (Opinion, Nov. 26) by William Pfaff:

Two points: The Red Brigades were leftist terrorists in Italy, of course, and not in Germany — the German equivalent was the Red Army Faction. And the woman from the Dominican Republic murdered in Madrid was abot, not beat-

NIGEL JONES.

KARL H. PAGAC.

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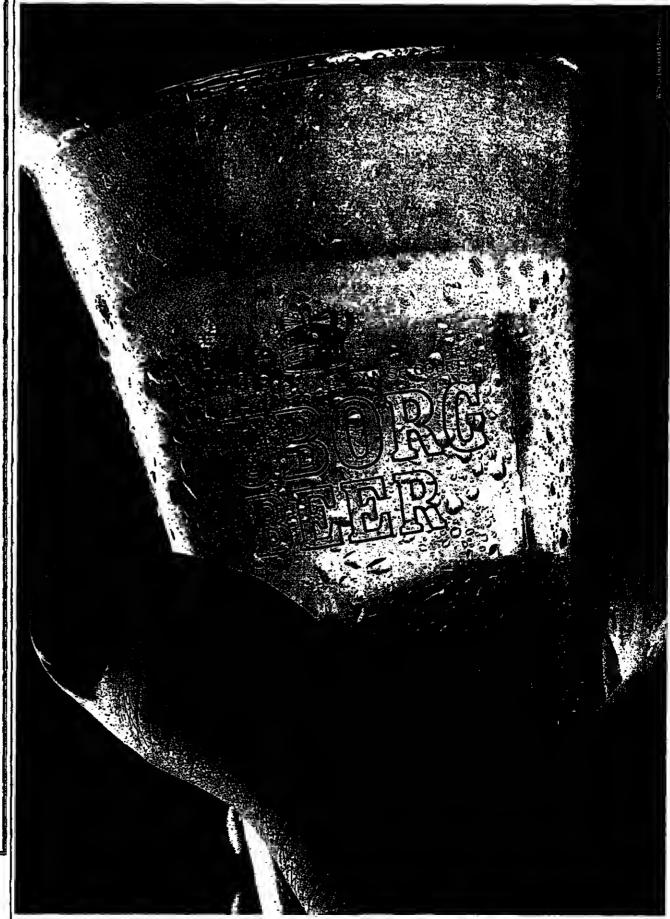
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Ruling 6-3, Justices PARTY: Reaffirm Support (Continued from page 1) cow, both sides claimed victor while privately grumbling about Of Abortion Rights

■ Appeal Rejected

Court took these steps:

his pregnant wife and two daugh-

ters. Attorneys for Mr. MacDonald

claimed to have new evidence to

show that four drug-crazed hippies

broke into the MacDonald apart-

ment and attacked the family. But

a federal district court found the

appeal, one of many that followed

Mr. MacDonald's 1979 conviction,

an "abuse" of the court system.

• It refused to give a Georgia
woman custody of her biological

son, who was adopted by another

couple after a hospital switched

him and another infant. The court,

without comment, left intact a rul-

ing that awarded custody of the

boy, who is now 9, to the couple

Bush to Yeltsin:

Americans Are

Compiled by Our Staff From Disparche

dent George Bush called Presi-dent Boris N. Yeltsin on Mon-

day to say the American

people "stand behind you" in

the fight with opponents of his

free-market economic pro-

Mr. Bush's press secretary.

Marlin Fitzwater, said Mr. Bush called because he was

concerned about the opposi-

tion Mr. Yeltsin faces as the

Congress of People's Deputies

Bash as saying in the 10-min-ute conversation: "We stand

behind you and the others pro-

moting economic and political reforms," Mr. Fitzwater said

Mr. Bush had called "because

there's been a lot of concern

about the opposition to the

Mr. Fitzwater said Mr. Yelt-

In Moscow, the Itar-Tass

news agency reported that President-elect Bill Clinton

had sent Mr. Yeltsin a message of support. (AP, AFP)

sin was "appreciative" of the

Mr. Fitzwater quoted Mr.

prepares to meet.

WASHINGTON - Presi-

'Behind You'

who have raised him since birth.

By Linda Greenhouse New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court made clear Monday that although it remained divided on abortion, it will not revisit its 5to-4 ruling in June that states may regulate but not ban abortion during the roughly six months of pregnancy before a fetus becomes via

Voting 6 to 3 this time, the court refused to hear an appeal filed by the governor of Guam from a federal appeals court's ruling that the territory's broad prohibition of abortion was unconstitutional.

The Guam law, enacted in 1990, prohibited all abortions except those found by twn doctors to be necessary to save a pregnant woman's life or prevent a grave threat to her health. A panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, ruling in April, found the law "clearly unconstitutional" un-der the principles of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that the court reaffirmed five months ago.

The six justices who vnted against hearing the Guam appeal on Monday did so without pub-lished comment. They included the five who made up the majority in Planned Parenthood v. Casey last June - Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony M. Kennedy, David H. Souter, Harry A. Blackmun, and John Paul Stevens plus one of the dissenters in that case, Justice Clarence Thomas.

.. The three other dissenters from the Casey decision, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antania Scalia and Byron R. White, dissented from the court's action no Monday. In an opinion stopped short of saying that the court itself should hear the Guam

Rather, they argued for vacating the Ninth Circuit's opinion and ore dering that court to determine whether any possible application of the Guam law could be constitu-

Justice Thomas's absence from the group of dissenters on Monday was an unexplained surprise, although the impact of that absence was not clear. While it takes nnly four votes for the court to accept a case for argument, it takes five votes to vacate a lower court opinion as the three dissenters urged. Had Justice Thomas voted with the other three in an effort to force the court to hear the case, the remaining five justices could have countered by voting simply to affirm the Ninth Circuit's decision.

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cow, both sides claimed victory
while privately grumbling about
the politics and timing of the deci-

Communists declared that they would start rebuilding the Russian party from the newly relegalized primary cells. Mr. Yeltsin'a sup-porters said they were satisfied that the party had been declared uncon-In other cases, the Supreme It rejected the latest appeal by stitutional, since that was part of the decree that the court had up-Jeffrey MacDonald, the former army doctor sentenced to three life prison terms for the 1970 slaying of

But the unresolved question of property raised a welter of new questions and a prospect of many new lawsnits. Nobody seemed clear about who could legitimately claim the property, since the party had been declared legally banned, but it was obvious that many would try.

"The court displayed a very in-teresting methadology," said Sergei Baburin, one of the most vocal pro-Communist members of parlisment and himself a legal expert.

"It's as if a doctor is asked whether a patient is dead or alive," he said. "The right hand is warm. the doctor says, the left is cold, the heart is ripped out but seems to be beating the kidneys are gone— but you decide yourself if he's dead."

Mikhail A. Fedotov, one of leading lawyers on Mr. Yeltsin's side, declared it a "half-decision" that could pose problems far the gov-ernment. But he also acknowledged that it was probably the only posi-tion the court could take at this

stage.
"I am satisfied with it, given the concrete political situation and the concrete composition of the court, he said. "After decades of regimentation, it's very difficult, psychologically difficult, for them to declare the party unconstitutional. They understand it's unconstitutional, but they're not able to pro-

Mr. Fedotov was alloding to the fact that all but one of the justices - just as most of the lawyers for either side, and for that matter Mr. Yeltsin and virtually all of his administration - had been Commu-

But Mr. Fedotov's thought also applied more broadly to the entire process that began May 26. By sheer volume it was a mocumental case — 52 sessions were held, 46 witnesses were called, 16 experts were heard and a mountain of documents, many culled from the most secret files of the Communist Party, were submitted in evidence. The witnesses included some of

the most powerful men of the for-mer regime — Nikolai L Ryzhkov, Vladimir Dolgikh, Yegox K. Liga-chev. But the most prominent of them all, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, raised the one notable controversy of the process when he refused to take part in what he dubbed a polit-



HEADING FOR THE SCRAP HEAP - A Soviet-built tank being dismantled Monday in Bucharest under the watch of a Romanian officer. The tank was being destroyed as part of a weaponsreduction plan that is being overseen by the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

FRANCE: Paris Concedes to NATO on New Corps

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shington and from the military in Germany and Britain to ensure that the new force does not undermine NATO as the overall Western defense system. Influential factions in the French

ilitary establishment favored a link of this sort, breaking with the Gaullist doctrine of total French independence. French forces need a multinational arrangement that can help France amid the post-Cold War uncertainties about fu-ture security challenges and de-

The intentions of France and Germany were conveyed formally to the albes in a letter on Monday saying that the corps would be Paris opposed, insuccessfully, available to carry out missions for the U.S.-led move to broaders NA-

pean Union, a defense group of keeping mi European allies, including peace-keeping assignments beyond the aliance's traditional area of operations in Europe.

This arrangement - "doubleoverall framework of cooperation and giving European countries a force of their own.

In using the corps, the NATO commander, as far as possible, must treat it as a single unit and not try to pry it apart by using only the

German component.
Paris opposed, insuccessfully.

NATO and for the Western Enro- TO's mandate to include peace keeping missions beyond the alliance's traditional European area of But French objections had to be

shelved as the price of getting Ger-This arrangement — "double-man support for their new corps, hatting" in defense jargon — has been seen all along by experts as a held out as the vehicle for greater sensible compromise satisfying European military independence NATO's needs in maintaining an from Washington. This commitment is set up to

allow time for changes in current German constitutional prohibitions and is subject to case-by-case approval by France.
But traditional French insistence

that its armed forces must remain under -national control has been breached by the corps; which is a

GERMANY: Who Will Buy Now?

(Continued from page 1)

leading business groups. But when a representative of the IG Metall trade union tried to talk to trainees recently at a Mercedes plant about tolerance for foreigners, she was met with a shower of boos and In the state of Saxony, an official

said British and other European regions competing for Japanese investments were using the anti-fnreigner attacks as an argument 10 lure the Japanese away from Germany. Japanese investors are among the most frightened by the violence, and with good reason. Several Japanese business people have been beaten in street encounters with rightist thugs; one was a Berlin woman who has lived in Germany for six years and has raised her son as a German. Some Japanese companies now

require executives heading to Germany to attend seminars on how to avoid anti-foreigner violence while in the country. According to the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in Düsseldorf, Japanese executives are being instructed always to wear dark suits or conservative European dresses to avoid being mistaken for Vietnamese or Korean refugees.

The Trenhandanstalt, the public agency charged with selling off the state enterprises of what was Communist East Germany, now finds

itself discussing attacks on foreigners with most potential investors. Germans now awake each morning not only to fresh reports of attacks on refugee shelters in their own country, but also to details of the rapid loss abroad of the goodwill and trust West Germany's democratic institutions have spent the past 45 years working to

German politicians visiting Ja-pan, Israel and the United States report being inundated with concerned questions about the very stability of German democracy, questions that hurt younger Gormans confident that their generation has proven its rejection of au-

The Goethe Institute, a government-funded nrganization that promotes German culture and language around the world, said the violence had produced a "dreadful wave of antipathy" toward Germa-

Hans Heigert, president of the institute, said the anti-foreigner violence had had a "direct impact" on the institute's work, including an attack on its Paris office in October, a one-third drop in enrolment in language courses in South Korea, and a 10 percent decline in the number of students traveling to Germany in attend institute class-

SICK: Companies Getting Tougher

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sick-leave applications, he said. Investigative firms, meanwhile, report a surge in business. Pinkerton's, one of the biggest, reports a growth in all forms of health-related fraud at companies.

"It's not new, but it's increasing," said Don Walker, Pinkerton's executive vice president, "Ynu would expect to see that in a very tight economy."

But labor lawyers and others cantion companies on the risk of invasion of privacy. Referring to TWA's form, Karen Ignagni, a health-issues specialist at the AFL-CIO, said, "There's a line of corporate propriety that's been crossed

The form requests managers to supply information on the workers' physical restrictions, the names of the workers' physicians and therapists and for the dates of appoint-

It asks for the make and license plates of the workers' automobiles. for names and addresses of the workers' relatives and "associates," or friends, and for "trusted person(s) to contact for additional in-

Carrie Shatuck, a Washington lawyer-who served in the early 1980s as vice chairman of the Equal

Employment Opportunity Commission, said that keeping records of workers' medical conditions appeared to be a violation of federal law. Although federal law provides little protection of privacy, many state laws, while varying widely, are

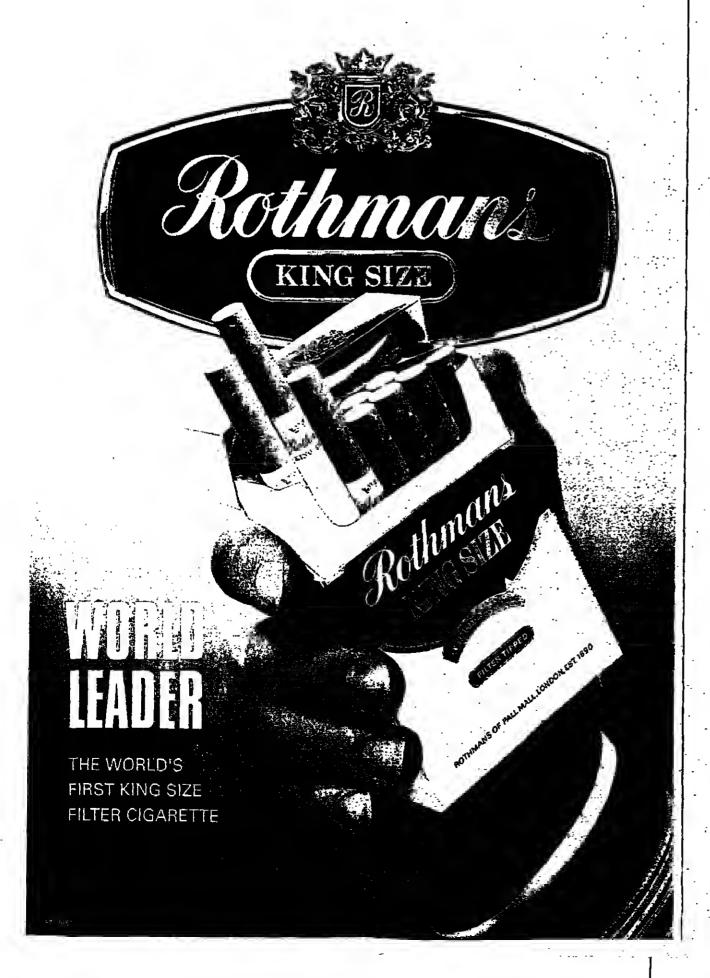
Personnel experts see both fraudulent and legitimate reasons for rising sick-leave claims.

For example, they say that wide spread layoffs among companies trying to survive the recession often result in added stress for the workers who are left. Many, while fearing for their nwn jobs, are called upon to dn the

work of their laid-off colleagues. Some succumb to the stress and fall ill. Some, to get back at the boss, pretend to be sick and stay home. Work is not a nice place in be if

you think you're going to be getting a pink slip," said Jan Douglas, an officer of William M. Mercer. Typically, big employers allow workers 10 nr 12 days of paid sick leave a year. If they do not become sick, they cannot take the days off.

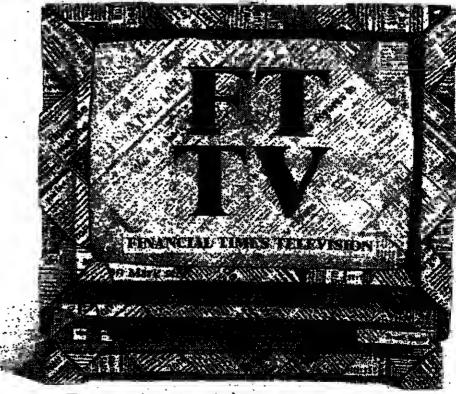
With rising tensions over job security, said John Mann, national director of investigations for Wackenhut Corp., a private security and intelligence company "Peo-ple say, 'Heck, I'm going to take another day of vacation."



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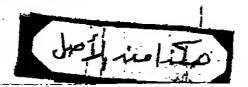
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Chinese Leader Visits Hanoi

By Nichelas D. Kristof New York Times Service Ir BELFING — Prime Minister Li Beng began a five-day visit to Viet-

nam on Monday, the first such visit by a Chinese leader in more than awo decades, but relations between the Communist neighbors remain so strained that they threaten the peace in the region. Mr. Li will be in Vietnam from

Monday through Friday, in part to build on the normalization of Chiago. But his visit is not expected to achiere any breakthrough on the aemitorial disputes along the two countries land border and in the South China Sea.

China and Vietnam fought a prief border war in 1979, and there have been periodic skirmishes since then. This year China has issued a series of challenges to Hanoi by laking a more assertive posture toward its territorial claims.

Sensitive to charges that they have been bullying Vietnam, Chi-

By Philip Shenon
New York Times Service

LANG SON, Vietnam - Me Thi Ha believes

she is a widow. But apart from the faded, red-

bordered government certificate proclaiming her husband a "Vietnamese martyr in the struggle against America," she has no proof of his death.

Mrs. Ha worries about calling herself a widow because she still does not know how or when or where her husband died, and she says she probably

"Of course I understand how the Americans

feel," she said. "When I read in the newspapers

how the Americans come here to search for the

missing soldiers, I know exactly the pain of the

families. We share the same grief."
In Vietnamese bomes, the red-bordered military

death certificates are typically displayed in the

finest wooden frame that a family can afford, and they are common household decorations. Like the

families of many Vietnamese soldiers, Mrs. Ha

received the certificate instead of a body that the

According to the Hanoi government, her husband, Captain To Van Thinh, and more than

300,000 other Vietnamese soldiers are still missing

and can only be presumed dead from what many

Vietnamese in the North still call the War Against

. About 1.5 million Vietnamese were killed in the

war - 185,000 South Vietnamese soldiers, 924,000

North Vietnamese and Viet Cong and 415,000

missing are from central or north-central prov-

inces, although the figure of 300,000 includes Viet

Cong as well as tens of thousands of soldiers who

served in the South Vietnamese Amy.

There are death certificates on display every-

where in Lang Son, a city of merchants and small farmers on Vietnam's mountainens northern borge

More than three-quarters of the Vietnamese

civilians, About 58,000 Americans died.

Vietnamese Army could never find.

nese officials are eager to portray the trip as a sign of the restored friendship between the former ene-

"It will be a very important visit," said Wu Jianmin, the Foreign Ministry spokesman. "There is far more common ground between China and Vietnam than there are differences and problems between

Mr. Li tried to calm Vietnamese fears on Monday by insisting that Beijing had no expansionist plans in the region, Reuters reported from Hanoi. l"China will never seek hegemo-

my nor practice expansionism; and at the same time it is opposed to hegemonism and power politics of all descriptions," he said in a speech at a dinner held in his honor by Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet.] One of the most important topics of discussions during Mr. Li's visit will be the dispute between the

The islands are claimed fully or in

Vietnam's Quiet MIA Search

300,000 Soldiers Are Missing From War Against U.S.

part by six nations in the region, but China is in the best position to back its claims by force.

In May, China signed a contract with a U.S. company to explore for offshore oil in a region of sea that is much closer to Vietnam than to China, Then in September, a Chinese ship began drilling near the Gulf of Tonkin, in waters that Vietnam claims as its own.

Western diplomats take no position on whose territory it is, but they warn that the dispute could lead to another Chinese-Viennamese war, particularly if oil is found in the South China Sea.

China's trade minister, Li Lanqing, accompanied Prime Minister Li to Hanoi, and economic ties are

also expected to be on the agenda. Since relations were formally normalized in November 1991, air links have been restored and trade has soared. In the first nine months of 1992, two-way trade totaled countries over the Spratty and Paracel islands in the South China Sea. \$104 million, more than three times the figure in the same period last

> Ancestor worship dominates the spiritual life of the Vietnamese, and it is considered essential that the remains of the dead be properly buried and

> "If I could afford the trip, I would go south to look for my husband," said Mrs. Ha, a retired army cook whose only income, apart from gifts

from her three children, is a \$5-a-month pension.
"Even if I could not find him, I would like to try. I

am not a religious woman, but I do know I would

feel relief in my dreams if I know where my husband was buried."

The Vietnamese government, which is eager to resume diplomatic and economic ties with the

United States, is careful not to offend American

visitors by suggesting directly that the sacrifice of Victormese families was greater than that of fam-

But when U.S. investigators come to Hanoi to

press the Vietnamese to cooperate in the search for 2,265 Americans still listed as unaccounted for in

Indochina, the Vietnamese will turn the conversa-tion — slowly, carefully, inevitably — to the fact that so many more Vietnamese are also missing.

Hanoi's recent announcement that it will step up

Vietnam's Ministry of Labor, War Invalids and

Social Affairs is responsible for trying to help Vietnamese families determine the fate of missing

"Vietnam is a very poor country, and so the people must take responsibility for this themselves—this must be a people's campaign," said Nghiem

Xuan Tue, a military spokesman.

Mr. Tue, a North Vietnamese soldier in the early

1970s, said it was common for northern soldiers to

be buried hurriedly in a shallow grave marked only

soldiers, but there is little it can do.

cooperation in the search for missing Americans by opening up its war archives is thought likely to result in a relaxation of a 17-year U.S. trade embargo against Vietnam.

ilies in the United States.



Prime Ministers Li Peng, left, and Vo Van Kiet in Hanoi on Monday. The bust is of Ho Chi Minh.

Legionnaires Wear the Blue in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH - The French Foreign Legion arrived in Cambodia on Monday to begin its first UN peacekeeping mission.

"It's the first time the legion wears the blue beret," said an offi-cer who identified himself only as Major Thicrry.

More than 280 legionnaires, the major said.

about a third of the planned de-ployment, arrived at Pinnom Penh's international airport aboard a chartered Russian Aeroflot jet. They are bound for French military camps scattered through Kompong

Som, Kampot and Koh Kong prov inces in the south. "The last time we were on a bigoperation was in the Gulf War,

22,000-member peacekeeping force of soldiers, police and civilian administrators in Cambodia. Its task is to lead the country to elections next year.

The United Nations has a

The legion units deployed in Cambodia are airborne infantry, engineers and cavalry regiments, Major Thierry said.

Apocalypse Now, Man! That's Where It's At In Ho Chi Minh City

By Thomas W. Lippman Washington Post Service HO CHI MINH CITY - Ton That Diep has seen the future, and it looks a lot like this city's tawdry

He figures there is good money to be made in Victnam War nostalgia. With foreigners trooping to Vietnam — including a fast-growing number of Americans, despite the U.S. trade embargo - Mr. Diep reasoned that they will want a congenial place with a wartime theme, where they can slake their thirst for nostalgia with a Saigon 333 or Tiger beer and listen to '60s

music as they tell tall tales about the Big Green Machine.

So, in April, Mr. Diep opened a bar called Apocalypse Now, and already it's the place to be in the late hours, when the rest of the city shuts down. It appears to be even more popular than its next-door rival, the B 475, as in Before '75, perhaps because Apocalypse Now's name and logo are emblazoned on T-shirts sold by street vendors, along with shirts bearing the words "Lift the Embargo NOW. Good Morning Vietnam.

The walls and ceiling at Apoca-lypse Now are entirely black, except for the paintings of helicopters, positioned so that the shafts of the ceiling fans are the rotors. The beer is cold and the music deafening, just like in the good old days. Vietnamese children push through the crowd selling cigarettes, post-cards and dayold copies of the In-ternational Herald Tribune.

The noise and the visibly wellheeled foreigners attract crowds of locals hoping to cash in: cyclo drivers, fruit vendors, prostitutes on motorbikes ready to pursue pedes-

Apocalypse Now's elientele on one recent night included three doctors from Colorado on a medical aid mission, two young men from Massachusetts planning a bicycle trip to Hanoi, a group of Europeans who described themselves as "travelers" and a two-man television crew from Cleveland, Not the same as pilots for Air America, the CIA airline that carried advisers and supplies during the war, or contractors from the RMK-BRJ Construction consor-tium, which built airfields and other facilities for the U.S. military, perhaps, but dollar-paying customers conetheless, and as the lyrics of old favorites floated above the smoke, they all seemed to be having

a grand time. Perhaps they would find the war

Booze, which features videos of women in skimpy leather outfits. In the gallery haog Thai Khac

Chuong's photographs from the spriog of 1975, when South Vietnam fell to the Communist North.

The voluble Mr. Chuong was working for United Press International them and that some of the tional then and shot some of the most memorable pictures of South Victnam's final agony: panicstricken troops and refugees fleeing the approaching North Vietnamese Army; residents of Da Nang and Ban Me Thuout stampeding in a

The beer is cold and the music deafening, just like in the good old days.

vain quest for safety; desperate Vietnamese clinging to the skids of departing helicopters; an American official punching a Vietnamese try-ing to clamber aboard an airplane pulling out of Nha Trang; pith-helmeted North Vietnamese troops entering the grounds of Saigon's presidential palace.

Mr. Chuong was present when the president of South Vietnam, Duong Van Minh - only in office one day - surrendered to the in-

vading army.

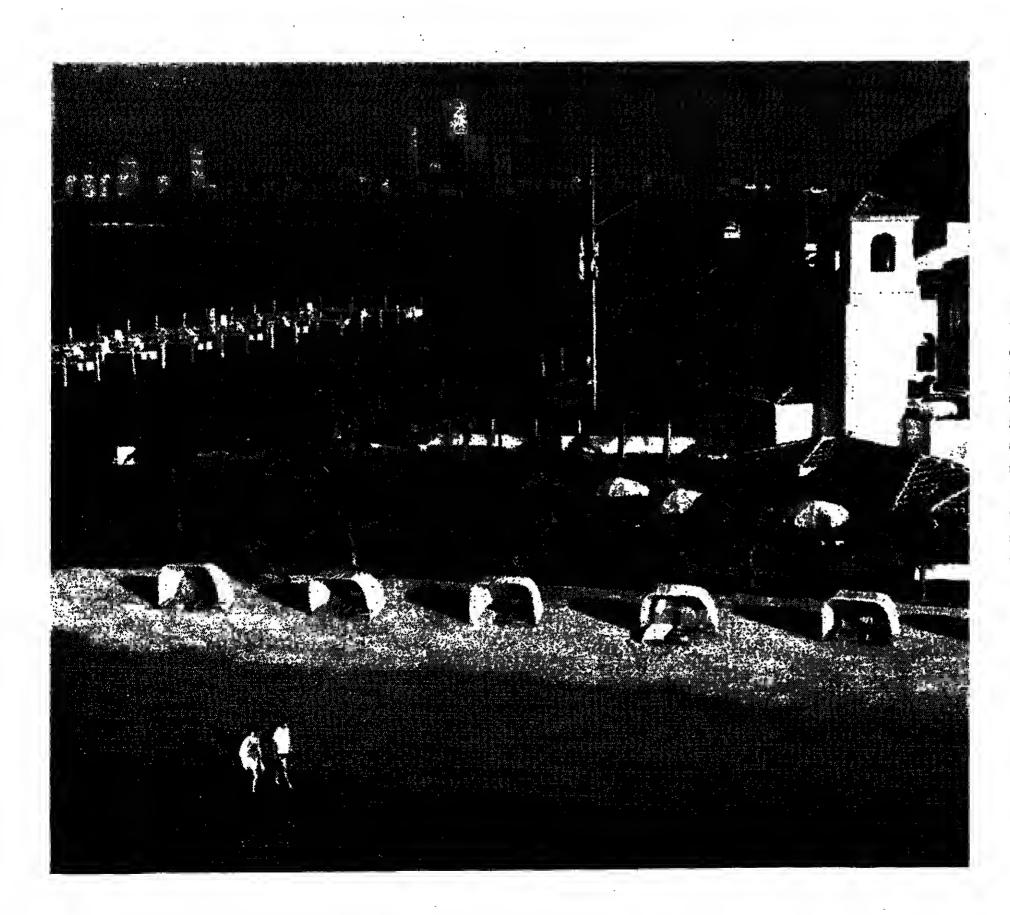
Outside the presidential palace, Mr. Chuong had someone take a photo of him, with a big grin on his face, surrounded by North Vietnamese troops. It turned ont, though, that he did not have much to laugh about. UPI kept its Saigon bureau open for weeks after the liberation" of the city, hus when its last American staff member left. Mr. Chuong remained behind to be sent to a "re-education" camp. where he was confined for several

Now he is a free man again, but he has to make a living. So bebis selling enlarged reproductions of the photos on the wall for \$20

When the hureau closed, he said, "UPI owed me \$2,000, and they never paid it."

Italian Leader to Visit U.K.

ROME - President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro of Italy will start a twoday official visit to Britain on Wednesday, his office announced Monday. Mr. Scalfaro will meet less amusing a few doors away, io a Queen Elizabeth II, Prime Minister makeshift art gallery upstairs from John Major and Foreign Secretary yet another bar, the Rhythm and Douglas Hurd.



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Honecker, Finally, Hears Indictment Against Him

courtroom's front row looked worn and nervous. Only his clothes showed traces of the old elegance - a new blue suit, crisp white shirt, bright red tie. When the photographers knelt before him, flashing their blinding lights 18 inches from his lace, Erich Honecker pretended not to notice, picked up his new fountain pen and made like be was jotting down his thoughts.

His notepad later showed nothing but a few jagged lines across the page.

Mr. Honecker, 80, the former leader of Communist East Germany, has spent the three years since he was deposed in the peaceful 1989 revolution trying to avoid this -seat in this room.

On Monday, the fifth day of trial for the manslaughter of 13 of the 350 East Germans killed seeking to flee their country, the months of hiding and running, feigning illness and forcing delay, came to an end. Prosecutors finally began to read the lengthy indictment against the man who built the

BERLIN—The old man at a corner of the mans if they dared to flee to the West, the chev's relaxation of communism.

The trial of the first and last deposed Warsaw Pact leader to face B court has started with a flurry of legal wrangling, accented by wild shouting and preposterous charges. One lawyer demanded that Mr. Honecker's fingerprints be checked to prove that the man in the front row was not a double standing in for the real Honecker, who presumably escaped to join his wife in exile in

One defendant, former Prime Minister Willi Stoph, was removed from the trial after suffering a heart attack. Another, the former Stasi secret police chief, Erich Mielke, got excused for frail health. Mr. Honecker himself has had two fainting spells in the ornate Room 700 of Berlin State Court. Staged, his opponents charge. No, real, his defense con-

Mr. Honecker's trial is a "race against death," says Nicolas Becker, the defense law-Berlin Wall, the autocrat who ordered up yer who has complained that Judge Hans-

only be to torment the defendant," he said.

sented to the judges had been pictures of Mr. Honecker's cancer-ridden liver. Physicians have concluded that he has less than 18 months to live. The trial, which because of his health meets only twice a week for 21/2 hours a session, is expected to last at least

On Monday morning when the the public was admitted to the gallery, old Communists greeted him with shouts of Erich, Red Front!" and "Stand tall!" Mr. Honecker rose from his chair, waved and then, recognizing faces in the crowd, balled his first and threw it into the air. The audience cheered their former leader's resistance.

Chastened by the judge for their outburst. the Honecker fans sat down, but repeatedly responded to prosecutors' remarks with hisses and cackles.

The show, rare for German courtrooms, has drawn little public interest here.

automatic shooting devices to kill East Germans if they dared to flee to the West, the hard-liner who resisted Mikhail S. Gorbanas is pushing too hard to finish the proceedings while Mr. Honecker still eased the burden on the court. Does this trial hard-liner who resisted Mikhail S. Gorbanas is pushing too hard to finish the proceedings while Mr. Honecker still ease due to fine the court. Does this trial can be a seek justice or revenge? Is this a normal seek justice or revenge? Is this a normal seek justice or revenge? criminal proceeding or a political show trial? Before Monday, the only evidence pre- Is it cruel to subject the old men of the old government to a trial that will almost certainly last until their deaths? And whose law is it anyway; can the united Germany fairly apply Western law to acts committed under a contradictory system?

> If Mr. Honecker, as expected, responds to the charges, he is likely to attack the West German leaders who quietly helped to support his government, many of whom are still in power in Bonn. He will argue that his orders to shoot his fleeing countrymen were merely repetitions of directives from Moscow. And he will continue to protest the validity of his trial, arguing that everything he did was legal under the laws of his own country and are essentially none of the West's business.

In all likelihood, however, the Honecker trial will resolve little, because it may never reach a verdict.



With Election, Irish Women Hit Political Stride By James F. Clarity

New York Times Service DUBLIN - The women of Ireland, in a conservative society that has long preferred to restrict their lives to the kitchen and the bedroom, have made their greatest politi-cal gains in Ireland's 70 years of independence, in elections they called a breakthrough.

In the national elections held last week, women won 20

seats of the 165 contested, up from 13 in the previous

legislature. Never before have so many women been sent to Leinster House, where the Parliament is to convene on Dec. 14. The major political parties are to form a new coalition government, and women now seem likely to be named to

important ministerial posts.

The Labor Party, baving doubled its strength, is apparently in a position to dictate which of the two larger parties, Fianna Fail or Fine Gael, will head the govern-

ment, with Labor as junior partner.

The Labor Party, which had no women in the Parliament that was dissolved two weeks ago, elected five. One of them, Eithne FitzGerald, said: "It is absolutely fantastic. Absolutely wonderful. It is the biggest breakthrough since 1918. With the other women, all strong women, we will revolutionize the parliamentary party." (The Irish elected to the British Parliament in 1918 eventually became the first independent Irish Parliament.) Ms. FitzGerald, an economist and member of the Dub-

The increase gives Irishwomen 12 percent of the parliamentary seats, compared with 9 percent in Britain or 5

specialist for The Irish Times.

percent in France, but below the 30 percent-plus in Scandinavian countries. Irishwomen have the highest birth rate in the European Community — 2.5 children for each woman — although

lin County Council, is the daughter-in-law of former Prime Minister Garret FitzGerald, who is retiring. Frances Fitzgerald, the most prominent leader of the

women's movement in Ireland, a Fine Gael member elected in Dublin, said, "It's a breakthrough." Although not related to the FitzGeralds, she won the seat vacated by

She and other newly elected women said they would press the legislature to reconsider a bberalized law on

abortion. In the referendum on Wednesday, voters reject-

ed a constitutional amendment that would have legalized

limited abortion, while approving constitutional rights to

obtaining abortion information and traveling abroad for

one of many issues they are expected to concentrate on to improve the lot of women, as Ms. Fitzgerald said, "as a

way of helping the whole country, including men."

"The jump to the Big 20 represents a huge psychological leap for women in one of the most male-dominated professions," wrote Mary Cummins, the women's affairs

But for Frances Fitzgerald and others, abortion is only

the former prime minister, with his blessing

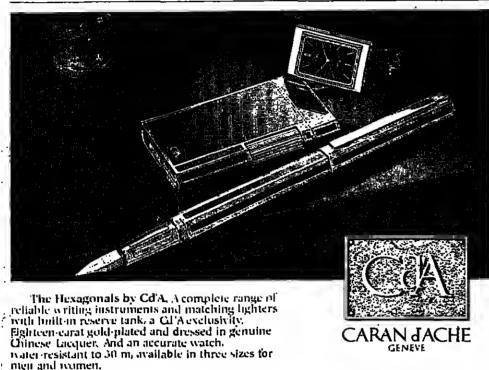
that rate is declining. The 30 percent of married Inshwomen working outside the home is the lowest in the Commu-

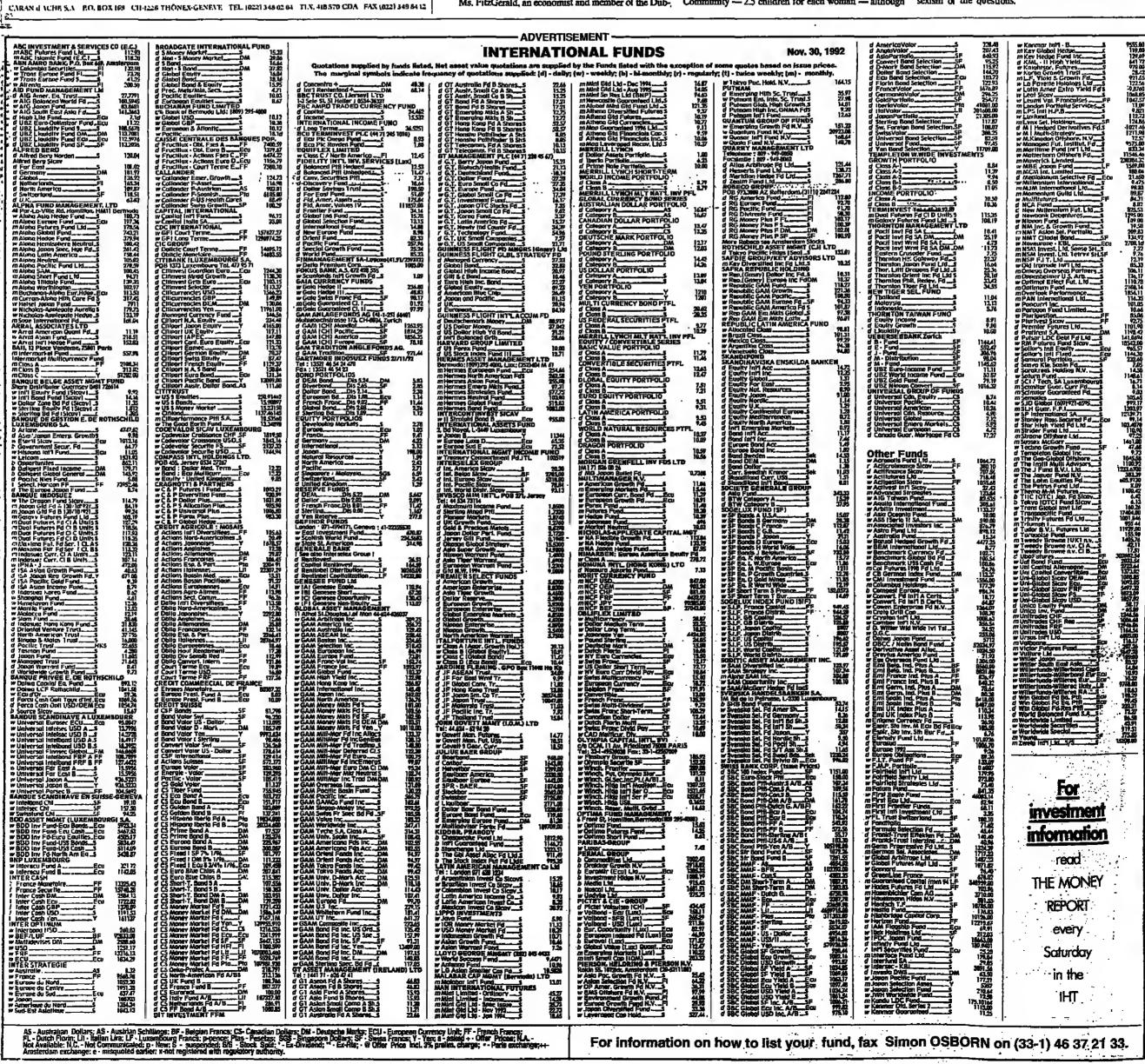
In recent years, many women in this country of 3.5 million have been quietly disregarding some of the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, the church of 95 percent of the population, especially concerning birth control and abortion. They are in the forefront of a growing movement to permit divorce, which does not exist

Women in all parties point to the election of Mary Robinson as president in 1990 as the catalyst for the surge of women in politics.

Mrs. Robinson, whose important symbolic but largely ceremonial position now precludes her talking out on political issues, was known as a libera! who fought against the 1983 constitutional ban on abortion, and has fought for equal pay for Irishwomen, who are still often paid far less than men for the same work.

She was the Labor Party candidate, although she had quit the party several years before, and she drew to the party people who had shunned it as too far to the left. As the votes were counted and it became clear that women were making large gains, reporters began to ques-tion them, asking what qualifications they had for Parlia-ment other than their sex. The women answered politely, but several said later that they were dismayed at the sexism of the questions.





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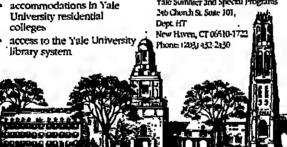
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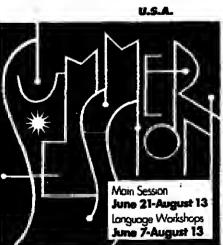


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Bay of Naples.

Many celebrities wore his creations, from Jacqueline Kennedy to Grace Kelly. His status-symbol belts, scarves, handbags and shirts sold briskly in New York.

The son of the marquis of Bar-sento, from an old Tuscan family, Mr. Pucci was educated in Milan, Florence and the United States, and carned a degree in social sciences from Reed College in Oregon. He was an Italian pilot in World War II and served in Parliament. His fashion house is headed by his daughter, Landomia Pucci. Theodore M. Edison, 94,

Son of American Inventor New York Times Service

Theodore M. Edison, 94, an inventor, environmentalist and philanthropist who was the last surviving child of the inventor Thomas Alva Edison, died Tuesday in West Orange, New Jersey.

After Thomas Edison died in

1931, Theodore took charge of his father's experimental laboratories

Blast Kills Spanish Guard The Associated Press

MADRID — One Civil Guard was killed and another seriously wounded Monday in a car-bomb blast on the outskirts of Madrid, news reports said. Basque separat-ists were believed responsible for the explosion.

Designer, Is Dead in West Orange. His father's more than 1,000 inventions included the .FLORENCE - Emilio Pucci, microphone, the phonograph and 78, who made his name in fashion the incandescent electric lamp. with bold designs in silk and his Theodore Edison obtained his first "palazzo pajamas," died in Flor-ence on Sunday of a heart attack, independent patent, for a device

Emilio Pucci, 78,

Palazzo Pucci, as his studio in Florence was called, was filled with machinery, in 1932. Sunnie Mann, 79, the wife of the former British hostage in Lebanon. 40 years worth of brightly colored Jackie Mann, died of lung cancer Monday in Nicosia. Mr. Mann, 78, was taken captive in May 1989 and released in September 1991.

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Jean Dieudonne, 86, a founding member of the Bourbaki group of mathematicians in the 1930s, died Sunday in Paris.

Sir Hugh Walter Kingwell Wontner, 84, the hotelier who served as director of the Savoy. Claridge's and Berkely Hotels from 1940 until 1988, died Wednesday in London.

Henriette Puig-Roget, 82, the French pianist and organist who trained several generations of ac-companists in France and Japan, died in Paris Nov. 25 after a long

Sir Sidney Nolan, 75, one of Australia's most influential artists and known as the painter of the outback, has died in London. He was best known for works depicting the 19th century outlaw Ned Kelly.

Para Ryan, 44, half of the British 1960s pop duo, Paul and Barry Ryan, died of hing cancer Sunday in London. Paul and Barry, twin sons of singer Marion Ryan, released their first single, "Don't Bring Me Your Heartaches" in 1965.

U.S. diplomat who in an earlier career as a foreign correspondent reported on some of the most important events of World War II and the period leading up to it, died Nov. 17 in Osterville, Massachn-

Bernard M. Baruch Jr., 90, a for-mer member of the New York Stock Exchange, died Thursday in New York. He was the son of Bernard M. Baruch, the financier, who died in 1965, and his wife, Annie



Emilio Pucci, the fashion designer, in 1982 with a model, Claudia Mendico. Mr. Pucci was known for his bright, silk patterns.

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The U.S. media giant Time Warner has a 28-percent interest in n-tv. Other major investors include the Rothschild Bank of Paris; the Nixdorf family, one of the wealthiest in Germany; several investment trusts; and Karl-Ulrich Kuhlo, n-tv's founder, who is a former chief reporter of the Bild newspaper and former news director of the SAT-1 commercial television channel.

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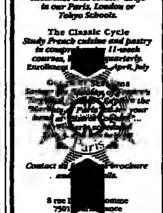


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and crinoline pouf; graphic stripes and lace-trimmed skirt; Franco Moschino at the London benefit; Aliai Forte and Michael Tilson Thomas of the London Symphony Orchestra.

'O Sole Mio' on the Runway / Behind Clowning, Franco Moschino Is Serious

By Suzy Menkes International Herald Tribune

ONDON — The models, wearing fronds of red and green chiffon, waved aloft Italian flags as they paraded round the circular runway. In the pit, "O Sole Mio" was trumpeted forth by the London Symphooy Brass Ensem-ble, the words belted out in a rich tenor, while a moisteyed Franco Moschino stood center stage.

"It is a very emotional moment," said the Italian "It is a very emotional moment," said the Italian designer who can claim a first in giving his retrospective fashion show a full orchestral accompaniment. The benefit for the London Symphony Orchestra was organized by Aliai Forte, an Italian living in England since her marriage seven years ago. She had gathered a smart young crowd — including Isabel Goldsmith, Debonnaire von Bismarck and Susan Sangster — some of whom had helped hang fruit and florters in the correction of the correction of the correction.

flowers in the orange trees that gave an Italian terrazza look to the tables in the Grosvenor House ballroom.

Forte, dressed in a snappy black-and-white pantsuit, called Moschino "the most cootroversial and
creative of Italian designers."

"I love Moschino's clothes and everybody likes him
—he is a man who has depth," she said as she sat with the conductor Michael Tilson Thomas, who had

agreed to the orchestra playing a program from Bach through Leon-ard Bernstein's "West Side Story" to accompany the hourlong show.
The London show, to celebrate
the new Moschino bontique at the
Harvey Nichols store, was the first
in two years, since the designer renounced the runway in favor of discreet presentations at his Milan showroom. His shows had been an integral part of the over-the-top 1980s, expressing at the same time a wacky energy and an ironic take on high fashion frenzy.

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The London show opened with typical outfits of that period: a b-usewife's apron printed with the logo of status-symbol travel bags and a mock Chanel suit with fairground windmills twirling as its buttons. Moschino's wit seems prescient now that designer

labels are no longer on a roll.

"At the beginning of the 1980s, the world and fashion were going through a strange period," says Moschino, who were black jeans with pin-striped jacket to the black-tie benefit. "I arrived at the recession too early, in the middle of the 1980s, and I was sion too carly, in the middle of the 1900s, and I was completely wrong, because that was the moment when fashion became even more powerful, like a halloon that was growing too big. If you overdo something, it is because something clse is missing. Fashion's face had to be made up, and during that makeup we put on too much lipstick. That's why in recent years collections have concentrated more on the beauty and the wouth of the models than on the clothes."

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The show included a way comment on current fashion from the spring '93 collection: a model leading a fluffy white goose and wearing a dress printed with "I love fashion" and a picture of a "silly goose." She was surrounded by a flock of models in filmy dresses in the oew soft spirit of the 1990s. That is also typical of Moschino's capacity to make fashion while mocking it...—or some night say having his cake and eating it. Next, year, he celebrates 10 years in fashion, during which he has built up a scrious basiness under the whimsical has built up a serious business under the whimsical name of "Moonshadow" and developed licenses with Acffe, which produces both his Conture! line (the exclamation mark is deliberate) and the lower-priced

Chesp and Chic line, started in 1988. There are also

So here is Moschino criticizing the fashion system and at the same time benefiting from it, as he puts his name on everything from bags to briefs that are sold in shops around the world. He is intelligent enough to

snops around the world. He is intelligent enough to sense the contradiction and even to feel tortured by it, and he saw the LSO London benefit as an opportunity "to do something more intelligent than fashion."

"All the funny actors are the saddest men," says Moschino to explain the paradox between his reputation as a fashion clown and the pessimism in his

character.

"I criticize the fashion mind knowing that f am a fashion victim too," he admits. "I've always said that vanity is a human defect. My elothes are funny, stupid, silly or intelligent because f have a sense of humanity. But what about the idea of biting the hand that feeds him — of making fun of fashion while making money out of it?

"I am like a nainter. An artist does his pointing with

"I am like a painter. An artist does his painting with love and concentrates on the painting," he says. "Some galleries all over the world have found my painting interesting. But when the painting goes to the gallery, they don't belong to the artist any more."

Moschino started his career as a fashion illustrator.

working for Gianni Versace and under thrall of the late fashion artist Antonio Lopez. Although the family business was a metal foundry, his father, who died when Moschino was a child, was apparently addicted to drawing.

He has shown that he has the capacity to make fashion while mocking it.

The show suggests an artist dabbling in different genres rather than one who traces a firm silhouette that is unmistakably his own. The new collection expresses, he says, a new simplicity, which means dresses in crepe or chiffon taking over from tailoring; a "green" feel to soft layered outfits in wheat and white; a created outfits in wheat and white; a create of the 1070s in greenest uncare. scent of the 1970s in crochet vests with dangling fringe and Gypsy lay-

ers in granny-print flowers. Moschino, 42, who was in his 20s in the '70s, could he described as a founding member of the hippie brigade, rather than a designer who has just jumped on to the back-to-the-hippies bandwagon.

The 1970s corresponded to a happy period in my life, when happiness was everywhere with hopes and a oew freedom and nice things in the air," he says. "Now I do the hippies psychologically, whereas before it was more spontaneous."

The most memorable thing about Moschino's new collection is still the irrepressible irony — and this from a city where fashion is taken seriously and the current crisis treated as a grand-opera tragedy.

"Caviar stains" is proclaimed above a few splashes on an impercable cream crepe dress; or a silhouette of the naked Josephine Baker is modestly ringed with a grass-skirt fringe round her and the dress's hipline.
"Sorry, I'm fialian" announces an outfit across its chest. Although he says that he is proud of his country, that remark may be near Moschino's heart. "Here in England you have a deep respect of history and of traditions," be says. "I am envious, being Italian, that the English have a real sense of humor and make fun of tradition. They are able to make old

traditions make sense in the 1990s. It is a very sophisticated balance:

And what trees to the name think of being a favored designer of Princess Diana, who is usually duty-bound to appear in British clothes, but fell for Moschino's takeoff on Chanel — a scarlet-and-black suit in outsize houndstooth checks?

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"I would have preferred if it were the queen," he says, without irooy, and with the wistful smile of a fashioo clown who longs to play it straight.

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"The toy box."

The box. Hhmmmm

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Newman, his fiancee, trying to be

"Oh, the box. Um, er, uh, well.

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boomerangs for every occasion: light L-shaped boomerangs for

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Published in hardcover in 1982, The Tao of Pooh" has sold nearly a

million copies, each year surpassing the one before it. When the "Te of

Piglet" was released two-and-a-half months ago, it immediately jumped to the best-seller list. The little book

is, in the words of Patricia Klein, a

buyer for Waldenbooks, a "bookseller's dream — a word-of-mouth book that has found its own legs."

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thor, and most certainly to the as-tonishment of his publisher, Figlet has sold more than 200,000 copies to

Hoff, a quiet, slightly nervous for-mer Japanese tree primer, potter, antiques restorer, graphic artist, hos-

pital orderly, investigative reporter and janitor, submitted the Tao of

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Wheo he approached Duttoo with the "Piglet" idea, they told him, in an Ecyore-like fashion, "Don't expect too much," he said. He didn't Up until five years ago, Hoff, who has an elastic mime-like face

and body and eggplant purple lips, was not earning enough in royalties to support himself as a writer (for

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Benjamin Hoff POOHBAH OF 'PIGLET"

New York Times Service ORTLAND, Oregon Here is Benjamin Hoff, little known best-selling

anthor of "The Te of Piglet" and "The Tao of Pooth," going bump bump bump down the road, carrying two passengers, a 1971 Or-egon road map and a cargo of birdseed and laundry. cre are no waiting limousines. No

book tours. No speaking engagements. No movie deals. All there is for the author of "The Te of Piglet." for the author of "The 1s of right, (Dutton) now in its 10th week on the best-seller list (Piglet being the sequel to best-selling "The Tao of Pooh," published in 1982) is a rentacar with a very flat tire loaded down with birdseed and laundry. This is, bump, as far as he knows.

omp, the only way of life for a two-

time best-selling author, but some-times he feels that there really is another way, bump, if only he could think of it. But then again, perhaps

there isn't. "I'm probably the most unknown two-time best-selling anthor in the country," mused the 45-year-old Hoff, in an unknown two-time bestselling author sort of a way.

Hoff and his two pa were headed toward the town of Cannoo Beach oo the Oregoo coast, so named "because some dodo found a cannon washed up oo the beach, or thought he did," Hoff explained. It was here, near a Blus-terous beach surrounded by for-ests, that Hoff sequestered himself on the ground floor of a house with wooden shingles — "a place for Clear Thinking" — and channeled himself into a Very Small Animal

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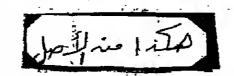
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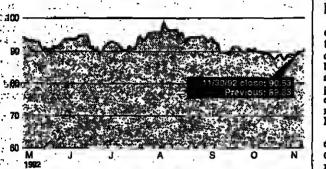


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ing the long-term process of restoring the health of the market and

"They're trying to prevent an eruption in the short-term," said Mincko Sasaki-Smith, head of research for Credit Suisse in To-

With Monday's 1.22 percent gain to 17,683.65, the current rally has boosted the Nikkei average of 225 leading stocks by 10.56

percent in the past eight sessions. The rally, which reversed a slow but steady erosion of share prices below 16,000, began with rumors

that the Ministry of Finance had asked government pension fund

"state of our equity position," an executive of a trust bank in Japan said. "In Japan this is explicit pressure," the executive said, adding that some banks had since been required to give daily reports of their positions. "We didn't feel coerced, but when this happens the

market goes up and you may as well take advantage of it."

The previous rally last summer, in which the index rocketed 32

percent in just three weeks, started when Finance Minister Tsotomi

Hata announced a series of measures to support the equity market, which had plummeted through 15,000 with no bottom in sight.

Measures included asking major institutions not to dump stocks

and permitting banks not to report losses on their security portfo-

The rally got a further boost in late August when the government

outlined the 10.7 trillion yen pump-priming package which is

"The pension funds requested we come in and report the current

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OKYO — The Japanese government, whose famed ability

to manipulate share prices had been considered another

victim of the bursting of the bubble economy, appears to

Government moves

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German Small Business Feels the Chill

By Brandon Mitchener

International Herald Tribune FRANKFURT - While well-known names in corporate Germany for months have sensed

a gathering gloom, the millions of small and medium-sized businesses called the Minelstand which form the country's industrial backbone, have so far generally heard the bad news sec-As negative expectations for the German

economy spread, however, even the Mittelstand is beginning to shiver, suggesting the advent of yet more pressure on Bonn to end a monthslong gridlock on emergency economic relief.
"Sometimes bad decisions are better than no decisions at all," said Dieter Hirthe, head of the Mittelstand's chief lobbying organization, criticizing the federal government's fend with

businesses and unions over changes in personal and corporate tax laws, budget cuts and em-ployment guarantees. "Increasingly negative expectations are exclusively the result of businesses not knowing where the ship of state is headed," Mr. Härthe said in an interview. Usually defined as companies with up to 500 employees, the Mittelstand accounts for 99 per-

cent of Western Germany's tax-paying compa-nies, half of its gross national product and two-thirds of its labor force, and therefore wields considerable clour in the corridors of power. Almost half of 1,100 Mittelstand companies in a recent survey said their current economic

said it was "good," while only 22 percent said "bad." This compared with a considerably more pessimistic outlook by big business.

But more than half the Mittelstand compa-

mes also said their business would probably sag in the next few months, one-third said it would stagnate and only 5 percent said it would improve. The survey, published Monday, was conducted by the Federation of German Mittelstand Industry, headed by Mr. Härthe, together with Frankfurter Kreditbank.

One of few to focus exclusively on Mittel-stand businesses, the survey showed that they increasingly share the concerns of larger com-panies about the future and are likely to grow louder in the clamor for relief.

"I see the results of the survey as a flag to the federal government once and for all to introduce clear and concrete measures to improve the economic environment," said Clans Clop-penburg, managing director of Frankfurter Kreditbank.

Ahogether, Western Germany's Mittelstand numbers 2.5 million enterprises, compared with some 4,500 companies employing more than 500 people. Reliable data for Eastern Germany are not yet available.

The Mittelstand will always do better than heavy industry," said Wolfgang Schuhmann, a senior analyst at Deutsche Bank Research in Frankfurt. "The bigger companies become, the

situation was still "satisfactory" and one-third more they are concerned with themselves and the less with their customers."

Indeed, when the going gets tough, the big guns of industry are generally more quick to lay off workers than Mittelstand companies, Mr. Schuhmann and other analysts agreed.

Despite the current recession, which has ushered in a proliferation of layoff announcements by blue-chip companies, 60 percent of Mittel-stand businesses said they had maintained and would continue to keep their current payrolls, according to the survey. Twenty-nine percent. however, said they expected to trim their payroll in the next three months.

Albert Garthe, a partner in Heinrich Acker-mann GmbH KG & Co., a closely held Frankfurt builder with 100 employees, said his firm had not yet put people on shortened shifts even though the German construction sector as a whole is feeling the pinch of public spending cuts. He put the firm's current order backlog at 2.5 months, versus a normal backlog of 3.5

"A lot of money is going eastward," he said, citing both public and private sector investment flows. "That means the money is missing here in the West." But analysis said Mittelstand builders, which

tend to concentrate more on residential and corporate contracts than major public projects, See MITTELSTAND, Page 15

British Markets Come Up With a Reason to Believe

By Erik Ipsen
International Herald Tribune

LONDON - After two years of unrelenting gloom, the British financial community is being swept by an epidemic of optimism that the worst is behind it. Figures released Monday showing that basic money supply had grown by a seasonally adjusted 3 percent in November were seized upon as further proof that the cession was ending.

"All right, things are still pretty negative, but there are signs that they are at least getting better," said Guy Creasy, equities strategist

The rise in basic money supply, which includes only coins and notes in circulation, was the largest

year-on-year gain of any month

And not even the news Monday afternoon that the real estate devel-oper Rosehaugh PLC had called in receivers, the equivalent of American Chapter 11 hankruptcy proceedings, was enough to dent the new mood of confidence in the stock market. The Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading companies closed up 18.70 points on the day at 2,778.80, another record. "Enough property companies have gone to the wall in this recession not to get too excited about this one," said Savvas Savouri, an economist

with Hoare Govett Still, some analysts are more than a little hit sheepish about the apparent contrast between the sad state of the British economy and the robust performance of the equities market of late. In fact, much of the bounce in stock prices owes little or nothing to the prospects for the British economy, Analysts point out that an im-portant driving force in the stock market was last week's announcement of the surprisingly robust 3.9 percent growth in the U.S. economy in the third quarter.

With half of the earnings of companies listed in the FT-SE 100 coming from the United States, that American growth will boost British profits. Also, the strong U.S. econ-omy provides a significant psychological boost for Britain by proving that in spite of horrendous levels of corporate and consumer debt, economies can be restarted.

It also helps to erase fears of a global depression. "How can we have a world economie slump if the U.S. economy is growing by nearly 4 percent?" one economist asked.

British analysts are beginnir

take a cheerier view of things now that their fears of a deflationary spiral seem to be ebbing. The Warburg Securities economist James Sawtell concedes it may yet amount to "chriching at straws" but he points to a myriad of indicators ranging from the offbeat to the standard that show the economy jurching into drive. He pins his optimism on the likes of the surprising growth in the volume of phone calls logged last month by BT PLC, formerly British Telecom-munications, and ligures showing steady growth in retail sales over

Still no one is pre thing better than puny growth in Britain next year. To put things in perspective. Warburg's forecast of 1.5 percent growth for the British economy is well above the consensus forecast for next year, But Mr. Sawtell concedes, "It's peanuts, really, to be talking about such modest growth after two years of recession, but at least it shows that the doom and gloom doesn't go on

Among those now expecting things not to be nearly as bad as they had once thought are Britain's retailers. Jeremy Alun-Jones, an analyst with Lehman Brothers In-

See BRITAIN, Page 15

Clinton Plans Changes at Commerce Department

By Keith Bradsher

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award - three rectangles of crystal mounted on an aluminum base — sits nn a coffee table in the office of Commerce Secretary Barbara H. Franklin.

But the base of America's highest award for corporate quality does not hold the crystal blocks tightly and it comes apart, Ms. Franklin said apologetically, adding: "It's the way it was designed."

Many people, some of them close to President-elect Bill Clinton, say the same thing about the Commerce Department,

The agency looks after a potpourri that includes economic statistics, unfair trade cases, weather forecasts, the census and dead dolphins. After reviewing the obstacles to making sense out of the department, the Clinton transition team now leans toward shifting the missions of its many agencies,

been put on a back berner.

By installing his own people in existing agencies at the Commerce Department and elsewhere, Mr. Clinton should be able to emphasize government assistance in the research and development of new commercial products and government aid to exporters without fighting a political battle to reorganize the department, Democrats say. The agency may even be renamed the Department of Commerce and Technology, they add.

The beart of the department's mission will be a broad new interpretation of trade policy, Democrats say, with government trying to help new American industries into the international marketplace and help flagging industries before they run into trouble from

linton transition team now leans toward this part of the White House.

The leading candidate to replace Ms. which is part of the White House.

Franklin and carry out this task is John A. Senator John Glem of Ohio and Representative Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri, considering perhaps how these should fit one with the other."

agencies out and substitute new ones have Hewlett-Packard Co. Details of the Demo-

cratic plan have not been worked out.

Under the Bush administration, trade policy has consisted mostly of international agreements negotiated by Carla A. Hills, the U.S. trade representative.

The Commerce Department has started several programs to help exporters by telling them where to find information and money in the federal bureaucracy. But its main role has been the occasional imposition of steep import taxes or quotes to protect struggling American industries. Democrats and Republicans across the po-

hitical spectrum agree the agency now serves a hodgepodge of immelated functions. The late Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige, for whom the award is named, tried in vain in the early 1980s to expand his department to include the Office of the Trade Representative,

Trade.

in 1988. It would have put now-independent federal export financing agencies into the department, created a civilian technology agency in the department to back privatesector research and set up an Econom curity Advisory Board to oversee trade and international economic policy.

known and most influential Democratic plan

The department did create a Technology Administration three years ago, but its role and budget have been kept small.

Mr. Clinton has said he would create an economic security council and has expressed interest in reorganization and in changing the missions of existing agencies as ways to shake up the Commerce Department. He said at a news conference on Nov. 12

that too often "presidents-elect have been in a rush to fill the Cabinet posit" before they decided whether they wanten mess departments to pursue a different mission than had been pursued in the past, and without considering perhaps how these departments

Japan Said Near Decision INTERNATIONAL STOCKS Market Support in Tokyo To Drop Rice-Import Ban **Smacks of Short-Termism**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher
TOKYO — The Japanese government has made an informal instead, in line with demands by trading partners, the Asahi Shimbun reported Monday

The newspaper quoted officials as saying that as pressure grows for a conclusion to the Uruguay round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Japan has no choice but to ease restrictions on agricultural imports.

Asked about the article, a government spokesman, Koichi Kato, said, "If we have to decide on a political level, we may do so." But, be added, "we are not planning to do that in the near future." However, it was the first time the government had indicated there was room for

Many cabinet members, including Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa and foreign and trade ministry officials, have prepared the public for a change in the government's policy of banning rice imports for reasons of self-sufficiency.

Meanwhile, members of Japan's powerful farmers union left Tokyo on Monday to join a protest in Strasbourg, France, against the EC-U.S. trade deal. (AFP, UPI)

Rome and Paris Sift Farm Deal ing world trade being held under GATT, ftaly produces 93 percent of Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches Jürgen Möllemann of Germany

ROME — France pressed Italy on Monday to support its campaign against the U.S.-EC farm block a world trade agreement and deal, but the Italians bought time. they had yet to see the full text of the controversial accord.

Foreign Trade Minister Claudio Vitalone said that although he did not have any "conflict of views" with the French, he believed it would be "wiser to wait" and consult the official documents.

The French deputy foreign trade minister, Bruno Durieux, had a more upbeat view of his talks with Mr. Vitalone, saying the two coun-

tries' views on how to secure a new world trade accord were "identical." He said he came away from the meeting with the feeling that the

French viewpoint is very close to Meanwhile, Economics Minister

prepared to follow France in threatening to veto the Nov. 20 farm deal, Mr. Durieux said France did not want the issue to reach this stage and would look for solutions to avoid such an outcome.

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"The doors are not all closed," he said. "It is possible to find a way out without taking extreme measires, but we would use our veto if

The farm deal over oilseeds subsis was designed to unblock talks on the Uruguay Round on liberalizIn London, the British and French agriculture ministers, John mer and Jean-Pierre Soi

the Community's soy beans.

held a meeting to discuss problems blocking a GATT accord. Mr. chision" a global accord under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Gummer said he had had a good exchange of views with Mr. Sois-Asked whether Italy would be son, who assured him that Anglo-French trade would not be blocked by demonstrations by French farmers protesting against the U.S.-EC farm deal.

"It's not war," Mr. Soisson said after the meeting.

Spanish farmers farmers threw potatoes, fruit and grain at the U.S. Embassy in Madrid on Monday in protest against the trade agreement. From 500 to 1,000 farmers took part in a march in the city.

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U.S. Plans Duties on Steel Imports, Says 12 Nations Subsidize Industry

WASHINGTON - Steel manu-

facturers from 12 countries have been selling improperly subsidized steel products in the United States, the Commerce Department said Monday in a ruling that could lead to duties of up to 90.9 percent on

About \$1.1 billion of imported carbon steel plate, hot- and cold-rolled carbon steel and stamless steel are affected. The duties will be temporary but could be made permanent if the International Trade Commission decides that the subsi-

the Commerce Department said. The subsidies range from less than I percent on carbon steel plate from Britain and stainless steel from Germany to 59 percent for Brazilian subsidies of hot- and

cold-rolled carbon steel from Italy. cold-rolled carbon steel exceeded 53 percent at some plants, the department said. Mexican subsidies stainless steel were as high as 90.9 percent.

The EC Commission condemned the decision. "We don't think it is appropriate to use such measures to protect a domestic industry which has structural deficiencies," a commission spokesman said.

countervailing duties are assessed on subsidized imports to offset their price advantage. Importers will not be required to

pay the preliminary taxes. Instead they will have to post bonds equal to the amount of the taxes, and will forfeit the bonds and start paying cash if the taxes are confirmed in further decisions by the Commerce Department and the International Trade Commission

Earlier, Keith Bradsher of The New York Times reported: The Commerce Department's ac-

tion will not cover enough of the nation's steel imports to help American industry much, people with a detailed knowledge of the case said. The department spent the last five months reviewing hundreds of box-es of documents describing subsi-

dies by a dozen foreign governments to their steel producers. But the nation's two largest foreign steel sup-pliers, Canada and Japan, are not included in the subsidy cases. Germany, another large exporter

of steel to the United States, is included but is accused only of modest subsidies.

Foreign subsidies allow U.S. consumers, like the car and construction-equipment industries, to buy steel more cheaply. But they deprive U.S. steelmakers, which do not receive government subsidies, of sales.

The issue could become political in France, Italy and Spain, where farmers are already unhappy about

States at unfairly low prices.

See TOKYO, Page 19 dies are harming U.S. steelmakers, **CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES**

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MARKET DIARY

Cheerier Outlook Bolsters Blue Chips

NEW YORK — Expectations of a robust economic recovery helped

U.S. stocks advance Monday for a fourth consecutive session. Stocks also received a boost from gains in

"Everybody has a good feeling about the economy and the market DAX index added 1.40 percent." reflects that," said Richard Meyer, head of institutional trading at Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.

N.Y. Stocks

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 22.96 to close at 3,305.16, led by International Business Machines Corp., which was recom-mended by Smith Barney. The gain in the Dow Jones in-

dustrial average outpaced the broader market averages for a fourth straight session. Still, the Nasdaq combined composite index and Standard & Poor's 500 closed at record levels. The Nasdaq com-posite gained 3.26, to 652.75, and Standard & Poor's 500 index increased 1.19, to 431.35.

Advancing common stocks out-numbered declining issues hy about 9 to 5 on the New York Stock Exchange. About 217 millioo shares traded hands, up from 106 million on Friday, when the market

closed two hours early.

The rise in U.S. stocks followed a

" NEW YORK - The dollar slipped against European curren-cies on Monday as a dearth of fresh

économic oews kept trading dull.

"A lot of people are just posi-tion-squaring," said Judy Ruben-stein, a vice president at BankA-merica. "And the market is a bit in

the doldrums after the vacation."

.. Foreign Exchange

Many U.S. traders took a four-day weekend for Thanksgiving. Traders cited the slightly calmer

tone in Europe's exchange-rate

mechanism as another excuse for inactivity on the dollar.

The dollar fell nearly a pfennig against the Deutsche mark, closing

at 1.5903 DM after 1.5987 DM on Friday. The U.S. currency also eased to 1.4340 Swiss francs from ...1.4395 francs and to 5.4065 French

francs from 5.4275. The pound moved up to \$1.5155 from \$1.5120.

yen, to 124.60 yen from 124.40.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Dollar Slithers Lower

In Post-Holiday Lethargy

0.68 percent gain in London's Fi-nancial Times-Stock Exchange 100 index to a record close of 2,778.8. The rally was fueled by reports that November money supply increased at an annual rate of 3 percent.

Meanwhile, France's CAC 40 index
rose 1.24 percent and Germany's

On the economic front, investors received more positive news. The Purchasing Management Associa-tion of Chicago said manufacturing activity increased in November. Meanwhile, retail stores are reporting strong sales in the first few days of the Christmas selling season.

Texas Utilities, which goes exdividend on Tuesday, was the most active issue, up ¼ to 42%.

Blockbuster followed, up 1/2 to 171/2. Shamrock Holdings, cootrolled by the investor Roy Disney, sold 3.13 million Blockbuster shares Monday for about \$53.6 million. Shamrock acquired about 4.14 million Blockbuster shares as payment for the Sound Warehouse & Music record chains it sold to Blockbuster. Shamrock plans to sell the remain ing shares soon.

IBM rallied 2% to 68% on reports that sales of its new personal computers were exceeding expecta-tions. Smith Barney raised its rating on IBM's stock to "speculative huy."

month before, but the important

That seemed to suggest that the

improvement in U.S. output seen

recently comes from productivity

alone and sounds a note of caution

for this Friday's key November em-

ployment report.

Traders said there were already

signs of a reduction in liquidity by players reluctant to risk profits

ahead of the year-end.

Those traders who want a livelier

market are hoping that this week's U.S. data, and especially Friday's

On Tuesday, market attention will be focused on the National Association of Purchasing Man-agement survey for November.

In European currency trading, the Irish punt survived the weekend

payrolls, may stir some interest.

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American Airlines Trims 576 Jobs

FORT WORTH, Texas (Combined Dispatches) - AMR Corp., par. FORT WORTH, Texas (Combined Dispatches) — AMR Corp., parent of American Airlines. on Monday eliminated 576 management positions as part of its effort to trim expenses by \$300 million next year. The largest U.S. airline, which has had hundreds of millions of dollars in losses in the past two years, laid off 286 people and accomplished the rest of the reduction through a voluntary severance incentive program. AMR employs 98,000 people, including 9,600 management employers. Meanwhile, PWA Corp., which is oegotiating the sale of a stake to AMR, said it had temporarily stopped payments on major loans and leases while it tries to restructure its debts. (Bloomberg AP, Remers)

Pepsi Plans Up to \$1 Billion Charge PURCHASE, New York (Combined Dispatches) — PepsiCo Inc. said

Monday it expected to take charges in the fourth quarter of \$750 million to \$900 million because of new accounting rules regarding income taxes and post-retirement benefits to employees.

PeosiCo also said it would take a charge against fourth-quarter earnings of about \$125 million for restructuring its domestic beverage

operations and several international operations.

Reynolds Charge Is \$827 Million

RICHMOND, Virginia (Reuters) - Reynolds Metals Co. said Monday that it would take total after-tax charges of about \$827 million

against 1992 results.

The company said the charges reflect adoption of new post-retirement benefits and income-tax according standards, as well as additional environmental and restructuring costs.

GE Buys Truck-Trailer Business

STAMFORD, Connecticut (Bloomberg) — General Electric Co.'s GE Capital unit said Monday that it had bought TransAmerica Corp.'s over-the-road trailer leasing business in the United States for \$200 million.

GE Capital's Transport International Pool will acquire about 19,000 over-the-road trailers in the transaction, bringing its holding to about 62,000 trailers. It becomes the largest truck-trailer lessor in the country.

For the Record

Dell Computer Corp., which has started most of the discount wars in the personal computer industry this year, slashed prices on its discount Dimension-by-Dell line as much as 18 percent.

(Bloomberg) Finor Corp. said it would divest its Doe Run Co. unit, the largest integrated lead producer in North America, and take a \$95 million charge against 1992 earnings.

ARCO Ol & Gas Co. announced agreements to sell 146 of its U.S. oil and gas properties for \$362 million to three Texas companies, the largest of which will go to Anadarko Petroleum Corp. of Houston. (UP!) Phibro Energy, a unit of Salomon Inc., said it had laid off some of its 2,000 staff members recently and did not rule out more cuts. (Renters) AGCO Corp. is to pay \$110 million for the North American distribution operations of Varity Corp.'s Massey Ferguson unit and a 50 percent stake in Varity's Agricredit Acceptance Corp. unit. (Reuters)

Weekend Box Office

The Associated Press LOS ANGELES - "Home Alone 2; Lost in New York" led U.S. box office results for the second week, as the movie industry had its stronges Thanksgiving showing ever. Following are the long weekend's Too 10.

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Market Sours on OPEC Pact

despite expectations on Friday of an impending devaluation. It was helped higher Monday by a combi-nation of existing exchange con-trols, huge rises in Irish interest NEW YORK -- Oil prices plunged to an eight-month low on Menday as U.S. traders returning from a four-day weekend called OPEC's recent meeting a failure and lowered their bids for crude.

While the U.S. market was closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, meeting in Vienna, approved a production ceiling of 24.9 million barrels per day. New York's January light sweet crude contract fell to \$19.89 a barrel, down 38 cents per barrel from Friday. In late London trading, the world benchmark crude, North Sea Brent Blend, was at \$19.21 a barrel, up from \$18.95 on Friday. trois, fuge 15cs in hish inter-rates and talk of central-bank inter-vention. (Page 15)

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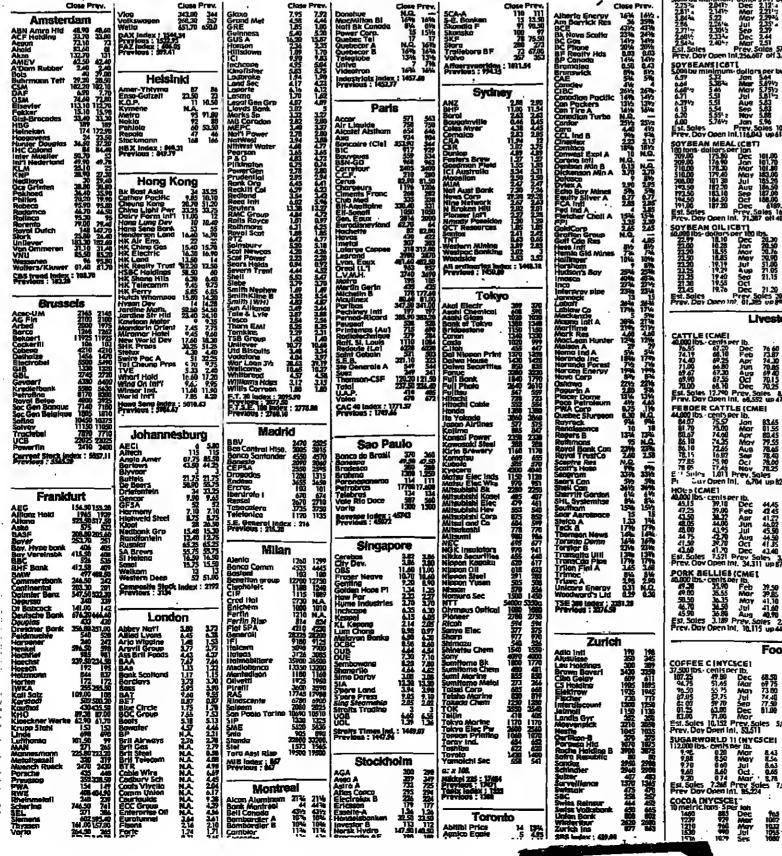
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Dutch Form \$7 Billion Office Supplies Concern

Compiled by Our Stuff From Disputcher shares of Bührmann, and four billion guilders. Its name is to be merchanting business with sales of AMSTERDAM — The Dutch shares as well for every five VRG announced in February. paper maker KNP said Monday that it would take over the diversified paper company VRG and the office-systems concern Bührmann-Tetierode, creating a European market leader with 13 billion guilders (\$7.2 billion) in annual sales.

KNP NV, which made the announcement jointly with Bührthe all-stock deal a merger. But the transaction is structured so that KNP will acquire the other two. In pressure. a public tender, it will offer four new shares of its own for every four bined market capitalization of 2.3

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Buhrmann up 0.70 to 29.20 and VRG ahead 0.30 to 23.20. But some industry analysts said the combination of the three commann and VRG Groep NV, called panies was merely a combination of problems in a Dutch paper industry whose profits are under

reacted favorably, with KNP rising 1.60 guilders to close at 28.90,

The new entity will have a com-

Suez Breaks Off Talks With UAP Over Victoire

PARIS — Compagnie de Suez's chairman, Gerard Worms, said talks with Union des Assurances de Paris over the future of their shareholdings in Groupe Victoire had broken down, and Suez shares jumped Monda

Mr. Worms was quoted by Le Monde as saying that the Suez board had decided unanimously to end the talks and that the negotiations were

Under the talks, UAP was considering swapping its 34 percent stake in Victoire for 50 percent of Colonia Versicherung AG, a German insurer that is controlled by Victoire. Suez owns 52 percent of Victoire. The breakdown came when the companies could not agree on the cash

sum UAP would pay Suez. Mr. Worms said Suez wanted at least 2.5 billion francs (\$463 million), while UAP offered 1 billion.
On the Paris Bourse, Suez shares rose 8 francs, to 249 francs. UAP shares also rose, gaining 14 francs, to 419.

Traders said Suez benefited from a belief that UAP could not abandon its aim to buy Colonia and that Suez would therefore receive more money. But others said that UAP might have to give up and therefore would not be spending money on Colonia, and that sentiment helped UAP shares. Asked about rumors that UAP may respond to the breakdown of the talks by selling its stake in Suez, increasing it or even launching a takeover bid, Mr. Worms said: "It is not up to the management of a company to choose its shareholders. It is their prerogative to buy or sell." UAP holds a 6.4 percent stake in Suez.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Chapter 11 Carc No. 92 B 40477 (BRL)

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF BAR ORDER FIXING LAST DAY TO FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM AGAINST DEBTORS

TO ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WITH CLAIMS AGAINST ANY OF THE DEBTOR ENTITIES REFERENCED IN THIS NOTICE.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court") has entered an order dated October 14, 1992 (the "Bar Order") requiring all persons and entities, including, without limitation, individuals, partnerships, joint ventures, corporations, estates, traits and governmental units. EXCEPT THOSE PERSONS AND ENTITIES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS A THROUGH C BELOW, that assert a claim (as defuned below) against any of the Debtors (collectively, the "Debtors") set forth below which strose prior to such Debtor's respective chapter 11 filing date to file a written proof of such claim with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York which substantially conformate the form 11the "Proof of Claim" approved by the Cerk of the Bankruptcy Court (the "Cite" Tor Official Form No. 10, either 11th younding the original proof of claim to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, New York, 10274-0114 or the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, New York, 10274-0114 or it disturbs that it to the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, New York, 10274-0114 or it disturbs mail to the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, One Bowling Green, South Floor, New York, New York, 1004-1408, gold halt its actually received at the appropriate destination red later than 5:00 p.m. [Esstern Standard, Time) on, or before December 15, 1992 (the "Bar Date", South Floor, South Floor, South Floor, will be deemed marky filed only when these actually received a the 15 of the Southern will be deemed marky filed only when the Bar Date.

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A. ANY PERSON OR ENTITY THAT HAS ALREADY PROPERLY FILED WITH THE CLERK A PPOOF OF CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS UTILIZING A CLAIM FORM WHICH SUBSTANTIALLY CONFORMS TO THE PROOF OF CLAIM OR OFFICIAL FORM NO. 10 NEED NOT PILE A DUPLICATE PROOF OF CLAIM OR OFFICIAL FORM NO. 10 NEED NOT PILE A DUPLICATE PROOF OF CLAIM.

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C. THE CLAIMS DESCRIBED IN TIEMS 1-4 BELOW ("EXCLUDED CLAIMS") ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THIS NOTICE OR THE BAR ORDER AND THEREFORE ANY PERSON OR ENTITY THAT HAS AN EXCLUDED CLAIM NEED NOT FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM ON OR REFORE THE BAR OATE FOR SUCH EXCLUDED CLAIM.

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Any Debtor on account of an intercompany claim against another Debtor;
Any non-Debtor subsidiary or affiliate on account of an intercompany claim against
any Debtor.

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Any holder of a claim ansaig from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired
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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES OTHER THAN THOSE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS A. B AND C ABOVE MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM ON OR BEFORE THE DECEMBER 13, 1992 BAR OATE. SUCH PROOF OF CLAIM MUST BE WRITTEN IN ENGLISH AND ANY AMOUNTS CLAIMED THEREIN MUST BE CONVERTED TO UNITED STATES DOLLARS AND CALCULATED AS OF THE RESPECTIVE DEBTOR'S PETITION OATS. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS SHALL RESULT IN THE HOLDERS OF SUCH CLAIMS BEING FOREVER BARRED FROM VOTING UPON OR RECEIVING ANY OISTRIBUTION OF CASH OR PROPERTY UNDER ANY PLAN OR PLANS OF REORGANIZATION FOR THE DEBTORS IN THESE CASES, OR FROM ANY SUCCESSOR TO OR ASSIGNS OF ANY DEBTOR.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT acts or omissions of the Debtor's madentary agreements, guarantees, or services provided to or by a Debtor, may give rise to chains against such Debtor nowithstanding the fact that such chains to the signifest on which they are based may be contangent or may not have necurred, matured or become fixed or liquidused prior to such date. Therefore, any creditor having a claim or potential claum against a Debtor, no master how remote or contangent, mant file a proof of claim on or before the December 15, 1992 Bar Date.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that each proof of claim form filed mast conform substimitably to Official Form No. 10 or to the Proof of Claim approved by this Count, a copy of which is on file at the Office of the Clark of the Court and may also be obtained by telephoning (800) 574-2375. Proofs of claim must be filed either (so ty mailing each such proof of claim an that at a RECEIVED on or before December 15, 1992 to:

United States Bankruptery Court for the Southern District of New York

c/o R.H. Macy & Co. Inc., gs gl.

Post Office Box 114

Bowling Green Station

New York, New York 10274-0114

or (th) by sending your original proof of claim via hand delivery or course; service (but 302)

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or (h) by sending your original groof of claim via band delivery or coarrier service (but not by United States mail) to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York One Bowling Green. Sixth Floor. New York, New York 1000-1408 to that it is RECEIVED at the applicable destination on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on December 15, 1992.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT copies of the Debtors' Schedules of Liabilities are available for inspection during regular business bours at (i) the Office of the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, One Bowling Green, Stath Floor. New York. New York 10004-1408, (ii) Poorman-Douglas Corpôration, 1325 Southwest Custer Dr., Porland, Oregon 97219, and (iii) the Offices of Weit, Gotshal & Manges, Anoncys for Debtors, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153. In the event you have questions concerning the completion, filing, amount, classification, or processing of your proof of claim, you may telephone 1800) 574-2375 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time for assistance.

Dated: New York, New York
October 14, 1992

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
THE HONORABLE BURTON R. LIPLAND

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The companies said the deal was already holds 50.6 percent of VRG. driven by consolidation in the paper and packaging industry.

Amsterdam analysts noted that it also had the effect of keeping the companies in Dutch hands. Jean Paul van Bavel of F van Lanschot Bankiers said that several months ago there had been talk in the market of a takeover run at KNP by Arjo Wiggins Appleton PLC.

Wijgert Verstoop, an analyst at Pierson, Heldring & Pierson, said that he had expected a non-European company such as International Paper Co. to join with KNP. KNP is Europe's largest maker of coated wood-free paper, and its

products are all paper-related.

Graphic and office systems accounted for 36 percent of Bührmann-Tetterode's 1991 sales, with graphic paper and office supplies making up 34 percent of the total. Supply of paper accounted for 54 percent of VRG's 1991 sales, supply of graphic systems for 25 percent business systems percent.

The merger will create a paper-

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Clinton had done the most to raise

"A lot of this is psychological," Mr. Della Femina said. "Almost all

of it, in fact. We talk ourselves into

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chief executive of Calyx & Corolla,

a fresh flower catalog company, reported a jump in sales immedi-

more than twice as much business

this year as we did last Thanksgiv-

ing Day," she said.
But business is also clearly re-

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which most economists reckon be-

gan in the spring of 1991, to a moderate 2.8 percent in the last

One reason is that consumers,

buying again. Consumer spending rose at a strong 3.7 percent annual

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mild a new airport in the territory.

"It's horrific," Emily Lan, a Hong Kong legislator, said in a telephone interview. "They're in-

timidating the Hong Kong people. They're trying to bring Hong Kong to its knees. They will resort to

The six-paragraph statement was

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Monday. But the market still tum-

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new entity will be a European leader in packaging with sales of 3.5 billion guilders, the companies said.

The deal will enable the three companies to create a worldwide distribution and service network in graphic systems and supplies, with strong positions in certain sectors

in the United States and Asia. But the transaction comes against a background of sliding profit at the three companies.

Arjen Los, Dutch share analyst at Smith New Court Securities in London, said he expected the three companies to make a combined net proft per share of 2 guilders this year and only 1 guilder next year, com-pared with 5.97 guilders in 1991.

"So KNP is now trading at 14.3 times earnings and next year will be at 30 times earnings if the shares stay at this level," Mr. Los said. Marc Slendebrock, analyst at Kleinwort Benson Securities in

London, also expects net profit to be substantially lower next year.

rate last summer and surged at an

Business confidence in the econ-omy — reflected in start-ups of

businesses and in loan demand as

well as in surveys — has been mak-ing a quiet comeback for months.

At least some executives talk about

adding employees, restocking in-ventories and spending money on equipment to raise productivity.

Housing has been a bright spot, too. The eagerness of first-time

home buyers, and fears that mort-

gage rates are likely to go up.

helped oush sales of existing houses in October to their highest level in

Business is spending more mon-

ey to make money. Rodger Ballou, president of the travel services

group of American Express Co.,

said that business travel was up. So is advertising. Heinz Prechter,

chairman of ASC Inc., an automo-

tive supplier and owner of several

small newspapers southwest of De-

troit, said the regional newspaper

Thanks to its drive to lift produc-

tivity and cut costs, business has

COLONY: China Raises Stakes in Hong Kong Feud

approach in dealing with China.

China's announcement escalates

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who account for roughly two-thirds business "has been incredibly of the gross domestic product, are strong, reflecting local optimism."

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The Hang Seng stock market in- Joint Declaration, Britain's admin-

dex lost 2.9 percent of its value on istrative power over Hong Kong Monday, failing 176.04 points to close Bt 5.810.63.

The announcement reflects the handle any affairs after the date," extreme irritation that China feels the official dispatch said. "Accordioward new British proposals to make the territory a bit more democratic, coupled with Britain's in-

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8.4 percent rate in October.

Norway Cuts Rates, Punt Still Pressured

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches Norway cut its key short-term interest rates on Monday after fending off speculative pressure on the krone, but pressure for a devalnation grew in Ireland as the punt remained on the floor of Europe's

exchange-rate mechanism. Norway, which is not a member of the currency grid but has a policy of pegging the krone to it, cut its key overnight lending rate to 17 percent from a six-year high of 25 percent. Economists said the central bank

might further trim the rate, charged to commercial and savings banks, in coming days. But fears of renewed turmoil were likely to prevent return to 10 percent, the level before speculation about a Norwegian devaluation was touched off on Nov. 19 when Sweden floated its currency.

The central bank has won the war this time," said Eirik Larsen, a currency analyst at Den norske Bank. "But I can't rule out more (Bloomberg, AFX) battles in the coming year."

percent or so.

ming down for years to come.

in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Although private companies have added just 300,000 jobs since

last winter, there are signs that the worst of the layoffs are behind.

ulate ourselves," said Leif Eirde, director of the Bank of Norway.

Two weeks ago, Sweden's floatforced Norway to buy 50 billion kroner (\$7.7 billion) in two days to bolster the currency — almost half Norway's foreign-currency reserves. But the central bank said there was a net currency inflow of 13.9 billion kroner last Monday, and a further inflow of 5.0 billion kroner on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Bank of Norway said it was able to cut the key overnight rate because of relative calm within the exchange-rate mechanism, and it said the move was assisted by OPEC's production agreement, reached Friday.

Norway is the biggest crude-oil producer in Western Europe, with erage daily production of 2.2 mil-

The krone was steady on the foreign-exchange markets after the rate cut, standing about 0.21 per-cent below its central rate against the European currency unit, com-pared with 0.24 percent late Friday.

REBOUND: Confidence Leads America's Comeback In Ireland, meanwhile, business been on a capital-spending spree. In September and October, orders for capital equipment jumped 11 leaders and mortgage holders fearing a massive rise in retail interest rates joined a growing clamor for Ireland to devalue. Still, few executives or econo-

mists expect the economy to keep growing at the summer's perky 3.9 percent pace, much less the 5 or 6 Pressure mounted on politicians to form a government quickly after the general election last week. But omists warned that no coalipercent pace typical of the early tion partner wanted the stigma of unilateral devaluation in the execonomists expect the economy to settle down at a growth rate of 2.5 change-rate mechanism.

Official lending rates to commer-Consumers are still nervous cial banks in the market for overabout their debt loads and their low night borrowing soared to 100 persaving rates; state and local gov-eruments are cutting budgets, and military contractors will be slimcent on Monday, although dealers noted that most banks would buy funds for longer periods at rates of 14.75 percent.

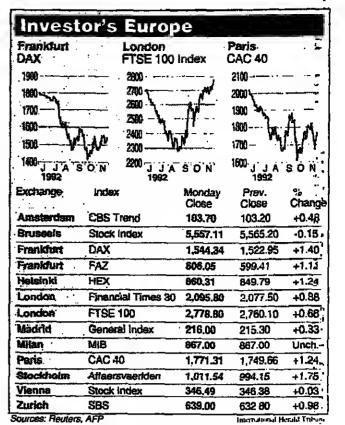
The key to the recovery, virtually "The big thing this week is the everyone agrees, is jobs.

The public is only going to demortgage rate rise," one currency trader said. "If that goes to 18 perclare the recession over when cent or higher, no government will be able to bear the political presthere's sustained and convincing job growth," said Roger E. Brinner, chief economist at DRI/McGraw-Hill, an economic forecasting firm sure without devaluing

Bank of Ireland, one of the country's leading banks, more than dou-bled its prime rate to big business borrowers, to 35 percent, but a spokesman said its home-loan rate had been frozen in October at 14.85 reent for six months. Pat McArdle, chief economist at

NCB Stockbrokers, called the rise in official interest rates from 13.75 percent a week ago a "crude weapon," buying time for a new government creasing willingness to make decisions about Hong Kong without Beijing's approval. Since the new The statement added that aside from certain land leases, "other to choose its exchange-rate policy. The punt languished near its

Hong Kong governor, Chris Pat- contracts, leases and agreements floor in the exchange-rate mechaten, took office in July, Britain has signed and ratified by the Hong taken a much more confrontational Kong British Government which nism, although it was up slightly Kong British Government which are not approved by the Chinese side, will be invalid after June 30, from Friday. Late in London, it traded at about 2.6450 Deutsche marks, compared with 2.6240 DM. (Reuters, AFX)



Very briefly:

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 Russia will allow holders of privatization vouchers to buy government-owned property worth 1.5 trillion rubles (\$3.4 billion) in 1995; additional property sales could bring in another 340 billion rubles.

British Telecommunications PLC won a contract to modernize the telecommunications network of St. Petersburg worth millions of pounds in the first year alone, it will install a permanent telephone connection by satellite between the city and more than 200 countries.

Ferrari will lay off 950 workers, or about half its work force, from Dec. 14 through Dec. 24 because of the worldwide crisis in the auto market—the carmaker idled 970 workers for 13 days in November.

• Bang & Olutsen Holding A/S, the Danish audio- and video-equipment maker, will cut 400 jobs from its 3,000-strong work force as part of restructuring plan; it hopes to save 160 million kroner (\$25.9 million). Britain decided not to refer Tomkins PLC's agreed bid for Ranks Hovis McDougall PLC to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

• Israel's sale of its 42 percent stake in IDB Holdings Corp. was 127 times oversubscribed, with orders totaling 65 billion shekels (\$24.7 million) for the 510 million shekels of equity on offer.

· Atlas Copco AB of Sweden said it would acquire Craelius AB : the engineering company, from Diamant Boart SA of Belgium. Pechiney SA of France plans to cut 337 jobs from its 3,954-person work force; the proposal comes as part of a restructuring under which its annual aluminum output would be cut by I 10,000 metric tons because of widespread problems in the industry.

Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX, AP, #EP

French Feel Heat in China

PARIS - China has warned France that its decision to sell Mirage jets to Taiwan will have serious consequences on economic relations, the head of a French business delegation said Monday.

"I sensed strong feelings against France on the part of the Chinese," said Marc Ladreit de Lacharnère, chairman of the national committee of

foreign trade advisers. They told me that the deal would not be without effect on commercial relations between the two countries."

Mr. de Lacharrière, who was the guest of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, said that France's agreement to sell 60 Mirage 5000-5 fighters to Taiwan came up at every one of his talks with Beijing officials. This has caused pessimism among French businessmen, be said, who fear that contracts being discussed may be postponed or canceled.

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which other rates are set. As a result, he believes that sales will exceed store owners' expectations, growing at an inflation-ad-justed rate of 2 percent. That is still small potatoes compared with the average 5.1 percent annual growth logged in the late 1980s but it is quite a sweet switch from the recesmonary norms of the 1990s.

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that "Christmas will happen."
"Retailers set their sales budgets

Many analysts remain convinced that it is too early to be optimistic. They point to such nagging prob-lems as the effects of house price deflation on consumer confidence and of the continuing slowdown in demand in Britain's top export Some analysts estimate that at least out something hopeful," conceded and are kept going by the forbear-Peter Warburton, an economist ance of their lenders.

with the merchant banking house ternational, now boldly forecasts that "Christmas will happen."

Robert Fleming. "But putting so much emphasis on the odd hopeful sign is itself an indication of 8 negative reality." Certainly the executives of Britain's real estate companies found

four or five months ago when base rates were 10 percent but they will now be selling in a period when rates have fallen to 7 percent," said Mr. Alun-Jones, speaking of the banks' key interest rate against little to cheer about on Monday. The receivership of Rosehaugh sur-prised and dismayed many property experts in spite of Rosch well-known ill health. After all, it posted a loss of £227 million (\$343.2 million) in the year to June 30, and the real estate market has only gotten worse since. Still, the banks have generally been reinc-tant to press troubled developers to call in receivers, in the hope that if they delay they may be able to recoup more of their losses in a less depressed market.

"I thought the banks would give Roschaugh another year or two," said Andrew Causer, a real estate market, the European continent. a quarter of the property compa-"There have been so many bear nies whose shares are publicly tradstories it is nice to be able to pick ed are now technically insolvent

MITTELSTAND: Hopes Sag

real 3.8 percent, while residential sales growth this year.

survey, 14 percent of East German people and has around 20 million respondents saw an improvement Deutsche marks (\$12.5 million) in in the economic environment by revenue.

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(Continued from first finance page) posure can easily outperform blue-are relatively shielded from the re-gional shift in priorities. In the first & Service AG, a maker of special-

the middle of next year, 50 percent this firm's main recommendations: plug holes in profitability worsening.

His firm's main recommendations: plug holes in profitability and streamline management. "As

eight months of the year, public ized tents, for example, expects to sector construction demand fell a meet its goal of nearly 50 percent

construction rose a real 8.8 percent. A more behind-the-scenes profi-Predictably, East German Mit- teer in less-than-happy days: contelstand businesses tend to be more sulting companies such as Höfner optimistic about their prospects & Partners in Munich. "We're bethan their West German counter-parts. "They have nowhere to go Wilhelm Eichenberg, a partner in but up," said Mr. Härthe. In the the company, which employs 60

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Softer Yuan **Fuels Talk** Of Freeing Currency

BELIING - The Chinese currency eased steadily against the U.S. dollar during November amid nimors that the government was weighing a move to make it freely convertible.

At the same time, the country was moving to revise its constitution for the first time in a decade in order to enshrine the government's shifts toward a market economy,

the China Daily reported. It said an official sympo here last week of top legal scholars had concluded that constitutional gnarantees were needed as soon as

possible to protect the changes. Some articles of the constitution obviously do not suit the current situation," the newspaper quoted participants as saying, adding that it was "time to provide a constitution-al basis for the development of a

socialist market economy." Bankers and businessmen in Beijing said there had been a spate of rumors recently that the government would soon amounce that the yuan would be made convertible as part of China's drive to reenter the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade .

One dollar bought 5.7055 yuan on Monday, against 5.5406 yuan on Nov. 1, according to rates published by Xinhna news agency. That represents a decline of nearly

3 percent. Raymond Yu, head of the China division at Bank of East Asia, said, The People's Bank of China told us that they are seriously consider-ing the issue." He added that he was optimistic China would allow foreign banks to do business involving the year in one year.

Bringing the official rate for the ynan in line with market rates is an important first step before any changes can happen, economists said. China has repeatedly said its goal was to internationalize the

As part of its economic reforms, two years ago China began letting the official rate for the currency gradually change value in what officials called a "controlled float." But it has kept in place a complex

One, the year, is not supposed to be convertible into dollars or other hard currencies. The other, called foreign-exchange certificates, can be exchanged under certain conditions. (Reuters, AFP) : percent to 20 billion year.

Taiwan to Ease Rules On Remitting Gains

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TAIPEI - Taiwan will remove a major restriction on foreign investors in its stock market as part of a rescue plan for the slumping bourse, the Securities and Exchange Commission said Monday.

Foreign institutions will be allowed to remit capital gains freely to

their home countries after an initial three-month period, instead of once a year, as under current rules, a senior SEC official said. "We believe the revised rules will attract more foreign institutions to Taiwan," he said. The change was expected to take effect in the first half of next year, be added.

The Taiwan Stock Exchange all but ignored the comments, however, with the weighted index losing 11.13 points Monday to finish at 3,675.01 in light trading.

Dealers said trading was expected to remain light ahead of the Dec. 19 legislative elections. Foreign institutional investors have been allow to move into

Taiwan's stock market since it was opened to them at the start of last year. Many fund managers have cited the restrictions on remittances as a major obstacle. So far, 33 foreign institutions have received approval to bring a total of \$1.44 billion into Taiwan, far less than officials' original

target of attracting up to \$2.5 billion in the first year. Other changes announced by the commission in the past few

weeks include plans to open the market to foreign stockbrokerages and the licensing of 11 new investment-trust firms, which have foreign participation.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

Surprise Widening of Deficit Hammers Australian Dollar

CANBERRA - An unexpected surge in the current-account deficit sent the Australian dollar into a tailspin Monday and raised fears among investors that the country's

debt could soon be downgraded. The Bureau of Statistics said the current-account deficit widened 20 percent in October, to a seasonally djusted 1.8 billion dollars (\$1.2 billion), after a 1.5 billion dollar shortfall in September.

The figure came in above investors' forecasts by 600 million dollars to 700 million dollars.

recently it was concerned about the current-account deficit. This must be paramount in their minds."

The Australian dollar fell 0.8 percent from its opening level, to close at about 68.30 U.S. cents. Several times during the day, the dollar tested five-year lows at Development of Australia.

about 68.20 cents. The Reserve Bank of Australia repeatedly intervened in the market during the afternoon to hold the dollar above iczes" would see the pace of recovthat level, traders said.

"The dollar's prospects look pretty seedy at this stage," said Paul Kammel, manager for corporate business in the foreign-exchange desk at Westpac. "It will be a battle between the RBA and a market that wants to posh it lower."

Bill Evans, chief economist at Westpac Bank, said the deteriorating trade figures and the weakness of the Australian currency made "A shocking ligure," said Richard Sheahan, a bond trader at 5.75 percent interest rate remote.

Hambros Securifies. "Moody's said Although the central bank's any further cut in the key official Although the central bank's board of governors is to meet Tues - remain low. day, analysts said they do not ex-

pect a change in rates. Meanwhile, the Reserve Bank governor, Bernie Fraser, was upbeat on the economy in comments

tended to monitor exports only.

Japanese exports until the year 2000.

The concept of "monitoring" has received

conflicting interpretations since a broader EC-

He said that the recovery was "proceeding, albeit gradually," and that he was confident "present polery "gather momentum over the year ahead."

It was his belief, he said; that growth could climb to about 4 percent by the end of next year. The government has forecast year-onyear growth at 3 percent to June 1993, and 3.75 percent through the year. The economy grew 0.4 per-cent year-on-year to June 1992.

Mr. Fraser said that consumerprice inflation was expected to gather pace over the next year, al-though underlying inflation would

He added that the depreciation of the Australian dollar would only temporarily boost inflation, provided there were no secondary effects on prices and wages. Given the spare capacity in the economy and the weak state of the labor market, he said, any such secondary effects were "likely to be minimal.

The Statistics Bureau said the unadjusted current-account deficit in October widened to 2.04 billion dollars, from 1.72 billion dollars.

Exports in the month plunged 11 percent, after rising to a record in September, while imports were off 4 Japan car deal last July, intended to govern percent, producing a merchandise trade deficit of 310 million dollars.

That accord spelled out procedures to oper-Exports in the month totaled a ate for a seven-year transition period between the creation of the EC single market next Januseasonally adjusted 4.68 billion dollars, while imports stood at 4.99 ary and the throwing open of the EC market to unrestricted competition from Japanese cara. The published part of the agreement includmillion dollars.

The government has predicted the ed a Japanese pledge to "monitor exports to the current account will show a deficit EC market as a whole in accordance with foreof 15 billion dollars for the year cast level of exports in 1999 of 1.23 million ending June 30. For the first four based on the assumption of demand in the EC in 1999 of 15.1 million." (AFX, Reuters, AFP) months, the deficit totaled 6.6 billion dollars. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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Very briefly:

 Taiwan received a visit Monday from the U.S. trade representative.
 Carla A. Hills, the first cabinet-level American official to visit since Washington switched diplomatic recognition from Taipei to Beijing in 1979; Mrs. Hills said she would discuss trade and commercial issues.

South Korea's composite stock index rose 1.6 percent on Monday, to 663.36, and is expected to rise further on expectations that the Bank of Korea will cut its rediscount rate, which stands at 7 percent.

• The Beijing Hong Kong Trade and Investment Fair ended in Hong Kong with the signing of 633 contracts, agreements and letters of intent to invest \$20.4 billion in the Chinese capital, the People's Daily newspaper reported, doubling the amount of approved foreign investment in Beijing.

. Mankwang Construction Co. of South Korea said it would take part in a \$1.6 billion project to build an international airport and a hotel in Jilin Province in northeastern China.

men's October housing starts rose 10.3 percent from a year earlier to 124,816 units, the fifth consecutive monthly rise; the report helped push the Nikkei average up 1.22 percent, to 17.683.65.

 China will open its first oil exchange, in Nanjing, to handle spot and futures transactions in the first quarter of next year, an official said.

 Singspore Airlines has taken a 20 percent stake in a joint venture to build a 600-room deinze hotel in Singapore; the cost was estimated at 450 million Singapore dollars (\$276 million).

 India has put 14 state companies up for sale in the second phase of its divestment program aimed at raising 35 billion rupees (\$1.34 hillion).

· Kolassi Denski Denwa Co. of Japan will launch direct-dial telephone services to and from the Russian Far East in January. • Taiwan Aerospace Corp. said it was in talks with Daimler-Benz AG to form a joint venture to build a high-speed rail system in Taiwan.

- Toshiba Corp. has agreed to form a joint venture in Shanghai to produce parts for television picture tubes for the Chinese market and for its plants in the United States and Thailand.

• Nissan Motor Co. is negotiating with Saigon Motor Corp. to assemble minibuses in Vietnam.

Tokyo-Brussels Talks Weigh Japan Car Exports

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - Japan and the EC Commission began two days of talks Monday on Japanese monitoring of vehicle exports to the European

Community in 1993, officials said. The talks, which were expected to review the state of the European car market this year and its prospects for 1993, are being held as part of ement aimed at limiting Japanese car

sales to the Community. A Ministry for International Trade and Indusofficial said after Monday's talks, "We didn't talk about a reduction in Japanese exports."

Earlier, an EC spokesman in Tokyo declined to comment on Japanese officials' expectations that the Commission would seek a cut in Ja-

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TOKYO — Itoman Corp., the scandal-hit trading company, said Monday it had signed an agreement to merge with Sumikin Bussan Kaisha Ltd., a medium-sized trading house affiliated with Sumitomo Metal

Industries Ltd., on April 1.

Itoman also announced a parent net loss of 48.59

billion yen (\$391 million) for the six months to Sept.

The company had a parent current loss for the half of 8.54 billion yen, after a profit of 1.55 billion yen a year earlier. Sales fell to 265.16 billion yen, from

Despite a 11.3 percent increase in foodstuff revenue

to 96 billion year, textile revenue dropped 1.7 percent

to 132 billion yea, while revenue from machinery and metals plunged 48.5 percent to 18 billion yea. Development business and other revenue numbled 513.

30, after a 1,35 billion yen net profit a year earlier.

pan'a vehicle exports to the Community in 1993 and Industry, Yuji Tanahashi, said Japan in-because of weak demand in the 12-nation tended to monitor exports only. group. Japan will have exported an estimated 1.185 million cars to the Community in 1992.

The MITI official said Monday that Tokyo still considered the 1992 level to be a legitimate target. Last April, Japan agreed to cut its new car exports to the Community in 1992 by about 6 percent, from 1.26 million in 1991.

The EC spokesman also declined to comment on Japanese media reports that the Com-mission might suggest taking into account Japanese local production in Europe when setting the monitoring target for Japanese exports.

The deputy minister for International Trade

Itoman to Merge With a Trading House For the full year, Itoman expects a parent net loss of 90 billion yen and a current loss of 17 billion yen, on sales of 540 billion yen.

> A medium-sized trading firm based in Osaka, Ito-man was at the heart of a scandal last year that centered on questionable art and property deals and highlighted adventurous bank lending practices linked to inflated land and stock prices.

Former Itoman executives were arrested on charges of misappropriation of funds and the case is in court. The trading house blamed the net loss for the half

on increased reserves needed to liquidate financial affiliates hit by bad loans and to write down losses on marketable securities.

Under the merger accord, five of Itoman's listed shares will be exchanged for one Sumikin share. Sumikin Bossan shares one unlisted. [Ranges AFP]

Deadline for Bond Corp.

PERTH, Australia - Administrators of Bond Corp. Holdings, the former flagship of the failed tycoon Alan Bond, said Monday they were "absolutely optimistic" the company could survive into the new year by meeting a crucial creditors' repayment due in four weeks.

The former multibillion-dollar company will be put into liquidation unless two separate asset sales currently being negotiated are completed soon or alternative arrangements are struck

The joint administrator, Ian Ferrier, told Bond Corp.'s annual meeting that the company was still some 12 million Australian dollars (\$8.26 million) short of the 37.5 million dollars needed for a

first installment to preferential shareholders on Dec. 31. "I am absolutely optimistic" that the deadline will be met, Mr. Ferrier told a gathering of shareholders and guests.

The company also announced that it had changed its name to Southern Equities Corp.

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TOKYO: Government's Market Support Sacrifices Long Term for Short

(Continued from first finance page) tion, they can still come in and manipulate it to some extent." expected finally to be passed by the parliament next week.

Many pundits had thought the ministry's ability to control the market had been undermined during the past decade by the rise of the Tokyo Stock Exchange to the world's second biggest in terms of market capitalization. Influence had also been croded by the inclu-sion of additional foreign brokers as members and the string of securities scandals that contaminated ties with the Big Four brokers. But now, analysts say, while the Fi-nance Ministry's control has slipped, it can still call a few shots.

Analysts note, however, that at current levels, the market has a relatively high price/earnings ratio of about 45. The weak market and a lack of rational pricing has also led to an effective moratorium on the issuance of new shares, closing off an essential function of the equities

market as a source of cheap capital for corporations.
"We're still in the old mold," complained Craig Chudler, strategist at UBS/Phillips & Drew. "The market is not seen as a real investment but as a market built around short-term capital gains." Much of the recent buying has

"If the momentum is too strong, been short-term in nature and trad-they can't stop the decline," Ms. Sasaki-Smith said. "But in a gradu-November was the lowest since

And while the market may not fall much further, the upside potential is limited. "We'll be in a depressed, sideways-moving market, at least for another year," Mr. Chudler added.

Although the government's efforts may succeed in avoiding a market meltdown that could have global repercussions, the strategy runs counter to a long-term goal of creating more transparent and rational markets, analysts said.

Responding to foreign, mainly U.S. pressure, over the past few years, the government has slowly brought the market into the modern world. For instance, it deregulated interest rates, boosted the number of foreign members of the stock exchange and pledged to re-frain from giving off-the-record verbal instructions known as "ad-

gangsters who extort fees from

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Similar policies are being employed across the economy to pre-vent a sudden deflation of asset values in the aftermath of the bubble economy's bust. Banks, for example, have been told to rescue affiliated financial institutions in

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SPORTS BASKETBALL

NBA's Freshmen Are Already Giving the Seniors Fits

By Harvey Araton

NEW YORK - On the night Christian Laettner came to play the New Jersey Nets, it was as if Bruce Springsteen had grown taller by a foot, lost some muscle definition in the upper body and slipped into the uniform of the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Dozens of teenagers wearing T-Wolve caps and in jerseys with Laettner's name stitched across the back crowded the edge of the Byrne Meadowlands Arena court.

The loudest ovation during a pregame ceremony honoring Olympic participants, includ-ing the Nets' coach, Chuck Daly, and their leading scorer. Drazen Petrovic, was for Laettner. Cheers and squeals emanated from a large area of the upper stand behind the benches of the Timberwolves and the Nets the moment he touched the ball.

.. "Wait'll he does something - they'll really go crazy," Daly said.

Larry Bird retired in August. Magic Johnsoo aborted his comeback before the start of the regular season. Their historic, long-dominant and ideally situated former teams—the Boston Celtics and the Los Angeles Lakers—are

fading in the standings.

Bot the oft-repeated question of how the

screaming New Jersey teen-agers.

A new rock or rap star bursts out of music-videoland every fourth or fifth minute. The NBA, whose players are appealing more and more to the young and the restless, has likewise regenerated its own supply of stars almost in the time it once took Magic to lead the Lakers down court oo the break

"It's amazing, but with Magic and Bird step-ping out together, and with all the publicity Magic had during the preseason, here we are a couple of weeks in and nobody's really thinking about them," said the New York Knicks' president, Dave Checketts. "You have all these new, young stars and this guy, Shaquille O'Neal, who is going to be the biggest star since Michael Jordan.

"Shaquille's unique. He comes across on camera. He and all the rest of them are the products of the machine, which is big and strong and running full blast."

The globally marketed machine to which Checketts referred has never had a white matinee idol, like Laettner, to make suburban teenagers swoon while cash registers ring.

Now it does, as part of a rookie class that also includes — if one buys the hype — the Next Wilt 10 Neal), the Next Bird (Tom Gugliotta), the Next Ewing (Alonzo Mourning) and Maybe

when the legends and pillars of its 1980s ascent were gone was emphatically answered by those Coming soon: the Next To-Be-Announced (Michigan sophomore and possible 1993 draft entrant Chris Webber), whose jersey already costs \$20 more than the Pistons' Isiah Thomas' at the sporting-goods shop in the Palace at Auburn Hills, Mich.

Less than one month into the NBA's regular season, the 1992-93 rookie class is being hailed as the best since the 1984-85 season, when Hakeem Olajuwon, Charles Barkley, Sam Perkins, John Stockton, Kevin Willis and Alvin Robertson were impact newcomers, led into battle by the mere third overall pick of the draft, Michael Jordan.

"After 10 games, it sure looks like it is," said Marty Blake, who runs the NBA's college scouting service. "But talk to me in February or March. We'll know a lot more."

Right now, more than 20 of the 55 rookies who made rosters in the league are playing virtually every night, with many of their performances fluctuating wildly from fair to very good. More than two dozen are getting major minutes. Eight first-rounders have stepped into starting lineaps. A few — Orlando's O'Neal, Laettner and Washington's Gugliotta - are already their team's marquee name.

icks' best player.

In addition, Lloyd Daniels surfaced from a life of drugs and pain in the embrace of San Antonio's Jerry Tarkanian, the same philanthropic soul who recruited Daniels several years ago for Nevada-Las Vegas; Seton Hall's Anthony Avent returned from a year in Europe to start for Milwaukee; Clarence Weatherspoon inherited the Philadelphia 76ers forward position vacated by Charles Barkley, and LaPhonso Ellis stepped in full time with the Denver Nuggets, one of several teams starving for talent.

The Knicks' Hubert Davis (20th pick), Phoenix's Oliver Miller (22d) and Golden State's Latrell Sprewell (24th) have already proved to be diamonds in the late first-round rough.

"It's a combination of the league catching up to expansion and some established teams getting old and needing immediate help," said the Knicks' Doc Rivers. "I don't know if anyone expected these guys to be this good and I don't know how important it was for this to happen. I do know David Stern sleeps better."

An improved diet may be ont of the question if Stern, the NBA commissioner, visits Minneapolis, where McDonald's has already named a omotional hamburger for Laettner

If and when Jimmy Jackson, the fourth pick of the draft, out of Ohio State, signs with

Dallas, he should immediately be the Maver-icks' best player. being the ceremonial collegian added to last summer's Olympic team.

O'Neal never got close to a title in three years at Louisiana State, but everyone agrees that he will be rookie of the year. Many believe he is already the best center in the league. Some suggest he will be the best of all time.

"Wait'll he learns how to play," said Blake.
A couple of days after Gugliotta torched
Utah's Karl Malone for 39 points and 15 rebounds, and one day before the Knicks shut him out and forced him into 7 turnovers, the Knicks' coach, Pat Riley, anointed the Bullets' new star "the next Larry Bird."

Mourning's expectations for himself were so high that during his first game with Charlotte, after he had missed the entire preseason, he had to be restrained by the wily veteran, second-year-man Larry Johnson, from chasing officials after being called for fouls.

"These guys make so much money coming into the league now, they feel relaxed and they go out hungry to prove they're worth it." said Rivers. "They don't act like they're just happy to be here. They act, and play, like they're supposed to be dominant."

Riley said: "You find out in a hurry with these guys. Either they can play or they can't." The standard for superstardom in the con-temporary NBA was established by Magie

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first loss in five games, but their fifth in their

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Jordan Only Sprained Arch in His Left Foot

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Michael Jordan was told not to practice Monday to rest his sprained left fool but is expected be ready for Wednesday's game against Boston.

Jordan sprained the arch in his foot in

Saturday's game against in New York.

"Michael's X-rays were negative," said the
Bulls' doctor John Hefferon. "Everything
looks to be all soft tissue, which is good."

Jordan said that "I went up for a rebound and felt a pop on the way up. I was afraid it was more serious. I thought it might be my Achilles' at first."

Johnsoo, Bird and Jordan over a period of years in which they were not only expected to be individually great but to carry their teams near or to the top. In a expanded league whose visibility has grown exponentially, those standards may no longer exist.

The Next Bird may not have to as good as the original, the way movie sequels to blockbusters don't measure up. They still sell.

"It's easier for them to be mega-stars because of what three guys — Magic, Michael and Larry — did," said Rivers. "All these guys coming in should send them a few thousand every year

The Colleges: Seeking No. 1 The Powers-That-May-Be in 1992-'93

With the 1992-93 college basket-ball season beginning Tuesday, John Feinstein, author of the best-selling book "A Season on the Brink" and four other sports books, wrote this assessment of the powers-that-may-be for The Washington Post,

By John Feinstein

WASHINGTON - Last April, oo the eve of the championship game of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's basketball tournament, the five Michigan freshmen known as The Fab Five were asked if they thought they could win four straight national tides. Their answers were "Yes,"
"Yes," "Yes," "Yes,"

It turned out that they scored zero on that test question. They lost to Duke, 71-51, the following night, blown out of the Metrodome during the last seven minutes by the older and wiser Blue Devils.

Now The Five are back as sophomores and, one supposes, the next question to be asked is, can they win three national championships? 'No. How about two? No. One? Perhaps, but don't bet either the ranch or your cable television rights.

The reason they won't win two or three titles is simple: If they do win this year, Chris Webber, the center, is bound for the National Basketguard Jalen Rose will probably be

right behind him.

The Wolverines are certainly talented and, after last season, they are experienced. They also have a group of seniors who, after whining a bit about reduced playing time last season, have become solid backups. For all the talk last spring about The Five, the fact is they would not have beaten Oklahoma State in the round of 16 without the backup cen-ter Erie Riley and they probably would not have gotten past Cincinnati in the semifinals without the shooting of James Voskuil.

Put all of that into a computer and it will tell you that Michigan walks off with the trophy on April 5 in New Orleans. But the nice thing about college basketball is that it is Kansas also adds Darrin Han-

As this seasoo begins, there are 8. of dark horses lurking. This is a are deep, superbly coached and answitch from the last two seasons, when the previous year's champion (UNLV and Duke) was considered a big favorite to repeat. The Blue Devils did, becoming the first backto-back champions since UCLA's seven-year run ended in 1973.

And so they begin this season with the three-peat question fol-lowing them. Can they? Not likely. Is it hopeless? Absolutely not, with Bobby Hurley and Thomas Hill back. Duke, even without Chris-tian Laettner and his alter ego, Bri-an Davis, is in that group that can

The Blue Devils' perimeter game is the best in the country, but how quickly 6-foot, 11-inch (2.10-meter) Cherokee Parks adapts to playing 35 minutes a game and kow much the coach, Mike Krzyzewski, can squeeze out of his bench will be the questions the Blue Devils have the account of the property of th shoot not only for a third straight title but a sixth straight Final Four, as the semifinals and final of the

NCAA tournament are known. The two deepest, most experienced teams in the country are Kansas and Indiana, both of which, like Michigan, come into the season believing they have some-thing to prove. The Jayhawks were probably the second-best team in the country last season and they are still trying to figure out how the grizzled old bear, Don Haskins, and his Texas-El Paso team fourcornered them out of the tournament in the second round. If Hur-ley and Hill aren't the best pair of

Kansas also adds Darrin Han-cock, a junior college transfer. favorites such as Houstoo (1983), Georgetown (1985) and Nevada-Las Vegas [1991] can attest to that. never to think of a newcomer as a perhaps 10, teams with a legitimate starter, was talking about him as a chance to win the title and a couple starter this summer. The Jayhawks

gry.
Indiana stays angry because of the genius-wildman who coaches them, Bob Knight. Knight was stung by the Final Four loss to Krzyzewski, his one-time protégé, and, like Williams, has most of his players back from a good team.

Damon Bailey is a junior and one
of a plethora of talented guards,
but the beart of the Hoosiers is the starting forward duo of Calbert Cheaney, a senior, and the 6-9 sophomore Alan Henderson.

Is that the Final Four then? Michigan, Duke, Kansas and Indi-

ment the last four years, Georgia Tech, Louisville and even Georgetown can be factors if things fall into place at the right time.

Seton Hall lost only one starter off a team that kept the Big East from being shut out of the final 16. If 7-2 Luther Wright continues to progress and with the threesome of Bryan Caver, Terry Dehere and Jerry Walker, the Pirates can play with anyone. P.J. Carlesimo's teams always play good defense and might be the best 3-point



sick and tired of hearing about Duke. Eric Montross is as big and strong as any center in the country. class in the country.

Florida State has all its starters back from the group that beat the Tar Heels twice, finished second in the Atlantic Coest Conference and went to the round of 16, beating Georgetown without Charlie Ward its point guard and the quarterback of Florida State's football team.

starter, Hubert Davis, off a final 16 team and the heralded freshmen of 1991 are now a year wiser — and Kentucky, which came up one Lacttner miracle shy of the Final Four, returns junior Jamal Mashburn, who may be the best elements.

the country, an experienced group of shooters and the best freshman

Memphis State also has four starters returning, including the re-markable Anfernee Hardaway. The Big Ten is probably the deepest league in the country; the ACC has three bona fide Final Four contenders; the Big Eight has Kansas; and the Atlantic 10, with up-andcoming George Washington, up-start Massachusetts and solid Temple and West Virginia, is going to get more attention than ever.

And what of the Big East? From 1984 to 1987 this was the dominant

conference in the game with six

Final Four appearances and two national championships spread among five schools. Since then, the league has produced one Final Four team (Seton Hall in 1989), and none in the past three years. Last season was the league's nadir. The games, due in part to the six-foul rule -- mercifully outlawed by the NCAA rules committee last spring — were borrible, endless foul-a-thons. The TV babblers and

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Parisien, Narrowly, Wins World Cup Race

PARK CITY, Utah — Living up to her No. 1 international ranking, Julie Parisien of the United States edged Sweden's Pernilla Wiberg by .03 seconds to win the opening statom of the women's

World Cup ski season. The 21-year-old Parisien completed two runs down Payday's 486 meters (1,600-foot), 50-gate course in 1 minute, 18.63 seconds. In earning the third World Cup victory of her two-year career, Parisien duplicated a victory over Wiberg at Sundsvall, Sweden, last March

that earned her the No. I slalom ranking in the world. On Sunday, Wiberg posted a faster intermediate time. But she became entangled in a couple of gates near the end of the course, throwing her off balance just enough to cost her the victory.

Third was New Zealand's Annelise Coberger, the Olympic slalom silver medalist who was fifth after the morning run. She was timed in

Parisien was second, 23 seconds behind Wiberg, in the morning run, after which she said she had lost time by sitting back on her skis through the speed-robbing flat middle section of the course. She solved that problem in the afternoon, posting a time that was almost a second faster than Coberger, the leader until then.

"The second run was a little turnier, and I think that helped me,"

Parisien said while being mobbed in the finish area by a crowd that included her mother. "I tried to stay on the balls of my feet through the flats and it seemed to help on the second run."

Parisien's victory overshadowed a brilliant second-run performance by Switzerland's Vreni Schneider. Schneider, winner of 40 World Cop events, had several problems during her morning run and was timed in only 40.59 seconds, 25th place. But she was .07 faster than Parisien in the afternoon and vaulted into fourth overall in

Fred-for fifth in 1:19.93 were Sweden's Kristina Andersson and Austria & Karin Buder. Three-time defending World Cup champion Petra Krofiberger, apparently poised to seriously challenge for victory after placing fifth in the morning, instead faded to seventh,

1.38 seconds behind Parisien

is top five material and George-

now an experienced group of solid

I HOPE YOU'RE ALL

DULY IMPRESSED THANK YOU YERY MUCH.

league spin doctors talked conrole players. Like Connecticut, the stantly about parity. They were Hoyas should be a year from being very good again.
The league will recruit better beright: Only Setoo Hall and Syracuse (barred from the tournament cause there's playing time available almost everywhere. The Big East this year) were worth watching, unless you happened to catch Con-

necticut on a night when the now-departed Chris Smith could hit a for three years it has been long gone. And, finally, if you are wondering if oext Saturday's Kansas-Indi-But things will begin to get better ana and Michigan-Duke games are this year. Seton Hall, as mentioned, a Final Four preview, the answer town has Othella Harrington and Duane Spencer to go with what is should be readily apparent. Yes. No. Maybe.

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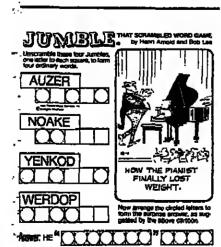
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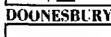












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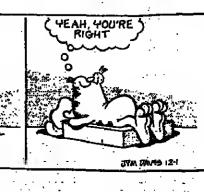












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ing record. The Bengals' rookie

quarterback, David Klingler, was

sacked a Steelers' record 10 times.

Browns 27, Bears 14: In Cleve-

land. Bernie Kosar returned from a

10-week absence and was only 8 of

tion return and a 75-yard punt re-turn handed Chicago its fifth

■ Calgary Wins Grey Cup

Doug Flutie completed 33 of 49

passes for 480 yards and two touch-

downs as the Calgary Stampeders

beat the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. 24-10, Sunday night to win the Grey Cup, the championship of the Canadian Football League. The

Associated Press reported from To-

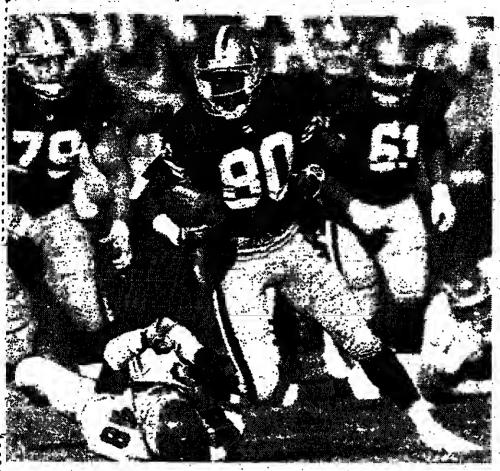
Flutie became the first player

since Russ Jackson in 1969 to be

named most valuable player of the

regular season and the playoffs. The title was the third for Calgary following championships in 1948

FOOTENE



Jerry Rice, eluding the Eagles' safety Rich Mismo, got his 160th touchdown to tie the NFL record.

Baseball's Big Red Headache

Marge Schott: Dog Days of the Queen Bee

CINCINNATI - She was in a

hurry as she strode to the elevator,

trailed by the smoke from the ciga-rette clenched between her teeth.

This was in Riverfront Stadium.

She turned her back to the steel door and kicked it with repeated

thirds. Very shortly, the elevator

"Hello, Mrs. Schott," said the

"What took you so long?" she said in him in a kind of raspy voice. The remarkable behavior of

Margaret Unnewher Schott, 63, the

owner of the Reds, doesn't stop at

the elevator door. The recent disclosure of a deposition taken in a

suit filed against her by a former

employee revealed that she has made racially and ethnically de-

meaning comments, including use

The controversy over her re-marks has plagued her now for sev-

eral weeks and, for many, has

transformed her image from that of

Riverfront Stadium into a mean-

indications that baseball's execu-

tive council will review the situa-

tion at its meeting Dec. 7, and

In an interview, Schott rejected

accusations of racism, yet acknowl-

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her fellow owners and others in and out of baseball. There are strong

could fine or suspend her.

It has also drawn scrutiny from

a quirky eccentric known best for

home of the Cincinnati Reds.

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operator, looking concerned.

of the word "nigger."

..... spirited, insensitive woman.

edged, wittingly or otherwise, some of the substance that prompted it.

knowledged, or did not deny, using

words like "nigger" and "Jap" and terms like "money-grubbing Jews." "But if and when I've used

them," she said now, "it was only

kiddingly." They were "joke

"Of course, nigger is a demean-ing word," she continued. "But I

know that blacks call it to each

While only one of her 45 frontoffice employees is black, she said that that wasn't the whole story.

"Look on the field; you see black players for the Reds," she said.

Schott has encountered, she contin-

nes to use some of the terms that

- She pointed out gifts that she

said she had received from "the Japs" while in Japan touring with a

group of Reds players. She made the comment without a seeming

concern or understanding of its pe-

jorative implications.

Those who have worked closely

while she is capable of being "very,

very charming when she wants to," she can also be vicious, vindictive

and surpassingly ignorant, espe-cially when it suits her purpose. A widow of 24 years, Schott runs

a major league baseball team with a

123-year history that today may be

as famous for its mascot, her St.

Bernard named Schottzie, as it is

SURDAY'S RESULTS

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for any of its players.

have gotten her into trouble.

Regardless of the backlash

she said.

In her deposition she either ac-

49ers Prove an Inch Better Than Eagles

By Tom Friend New York Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO - For the Philadelphia Eagles, just a fraction of an inch stood between them and what loomed as a defeat of the San

Driving toward a touchdown in the final minute, Randall Cunning-ham's fourth-and-15 pass to Calvin Williams gained 14-plus yards to a spot very near the San Francisco 10-yard line.

A raucous measurement ensued and the referee, Howard Roe, ruled -without actually sticking his finger in between the first-down marker and the ball — that Philadelphia had to forfeit the foothall. So with 36 seconds left to play Sunday, the 49ers danced off with a 20-14 victory that clinched a wildcard playoff berth.

"I'd like to send that official a Christmas card," said Roy Foster,

a guard for the 49ers. The quarterbacks for both teams had thrown touchdown passes ear-ly in the fourth quarter, when the game hung in the balance. Steve Young's for the 49ers was easier because running back Dexter Carter was a lonesome end when he lined up as a third wide receiver on the Earles' 44-yard line.

Safety Rich Miano, filling in for

self all alone to catch Young's softas-a-pillow pass for a 20-7 lead, Carter, who had been activated last week after being out all season with a shoulder injury, had not picked up a yard running or receiving before the game.

But Cunningham, on an ensuing drive, found Keith Byars — converted to tight end from running back — for a touchdown of his own. It was an 11-yard pass that Byars came back for, and the 49ers' safety, David Whitmore, had his back turned in the ball and never readjusted. The Eagles were within reach, trailing only 20-14, with 8 minotes, 58 seconds left in the

But considering that Cunningham strained to complete even a screen pass the first two quarters, the Eagles were fortunate in be behind by only 10-0 at halftime.

Cunningham sailed one first quarter pass that was dropped by safety Thane Gash, and lofted two ugly screen passes, one that was too high for running back Heath Sherman and another that was batted away by defensive end Garin Veris and nearly intercepted

Later, coroerhaek Michael

injured veteran Andre Waters, simpley ignored Carter, who found him-had of him.

pass with nothing but open field deau passed for a season-high 337 yards.

Young, other than one near-interception in the end zone, passed for 216 yards in that half, with a 22yard touchdown to wide receiver Jerry Rice that began the after-

Rice ran the typical pass pattern, a slant-in through the Eagles' zone

NFL ROUNDUP

and directly in front of Miano. He caught the ball near the goal line and trotted in for the score, his 100th touchdown in the NFL.

That tied him with the retired Steve Largent for most touchdown

receptions in league history. The 49ers' starting running back, Ricky Watters, missed most of the first half with a bruised left shoulder, and this caused the 49ers to bag their ground game. Young passed to six different receivers.

with Rice alone snaring six throws.

Colts 16, Bills 13: In lodianapolis, Dean Biasucci kicked a 40-yard field goal in cap the opening drive of overtime and upset Buffalo. Bia-succi had tied the score in the final minute of regulation with a 23yarder, and the Colts then drove 56 yards with the overtime kickoff. The Colts' quarterback, Jack Tru-

at the conference table long before

any of the other owners showed up.

tell me there was an hour difference

between Cincinnati and Chicago?"

than just run a baseball team or

says she was just a spoiled house-

wife when her husband, Charles, died and left her with a car dealer

She regularly refers to being a

woman in a man's world, and that

that is the fraternity that makes up

She tells people that she knows

the group of major league owners.

nati suburb. It looks like a castle.

ship and a huge inheritance.

broke Franco Harris's team rush-

Chargers 27. Raiders 3: San Diego recovered two fumbles -- one in the end zone - and picked off a pass in beating visiting Los Angeles to extend the Chargers' winning streak to three. The Raiders' Eric Dickerson had only three yards in 17 for 59 yards, a 92-yard intercepthe second half after gaining 100 in tion return and a 75-yard punt re-

Vikings 31, Rams 17: Io Anaheim, California, Sean Salisbury fi-nally got his first start after seven years in the NFL and completed 23 of 34 passes for 238 yards. The Vikings will win the NFC Central title with their next win or Green Bay's next loss.

The Vikings lost their leading receiver, Cris Carter, for the rest of the regular season with a broken collarbone. He was injured to the second quarter when Salisbury threw a pass over his head, Carter leaped for the hall and landed on his shoulder. Carter had 53 catches for 68

yards and six touchdowns.

■ In earlier games, reports on which appeared in some Monday edi-tions of the International Herald

Steelers 21, Bengals 9: fo Cincinnati, Barry Foster, the NFL's

Just 45,863 attended the game in the SkyDome, the lowest attendance for the Grey Cup since 1975. when a capacity crowd of 32,454

and 1971

'Am I Going to Be

AST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey — When the 23-7 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs ended, the New York Jets' players walked off the

showed was a broken neck in a freakish collision with another pass-rushing teammate, Scott Mer-

Byrd, the Jets reported, had "no use of his legs" and "partial use of his arms" but was in "stable condition" at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhat-

the other players in the locker room after the game. "He's with his wife.

Later, she was overheard speakmg on a telephone to her office. "Hey!" she said. "Why didn't you night, his teammates remembered how the 26-year-old defensive end out of Tulsa University had invited several Jets to his home in Point Lookout, New York, on Thursday for Thanksgiving dinne But she has more to do, she says,

guys, even the married guys, and ask them if they have some place to go for Thanksgiving and Christmas. If they don't, he asks them to his house."

waist down since landing on his belinet while pass-hocking last season.

TOW HIS TEAMMATES feared that Dennis Byrd, able in move his arms but not his less, reight be paralyzed as I believed. "We asked him what happened and he said he hit his head, he couldn't remember exactly how. Immediately we went to his head and stabilized it.

a backboard and transported him oo the board." Byrd had been flat on his back for seven minutes ocar the 18-yard line

at the castern end of Giants Stadium. One of Byrd's best friends, defensive end Marvin Washington, kept

some employees try to take advan-tage of ber. That may be why she charged Piniella for the bats (she circling the scene. As the cart rolled away with Dr. Steve Nicholas and the assistant trainer, Pepper Burris, accompanying Byrd, several teammates hurried over and gently touched him: James Hasty, Paul Frase, Brian Washington, Mike Brim, R.J. Kors and Marvin Washington. Mersereau, slammed in the chest by Byrd's helmet a split second after

> "I had no knowledge of what was going on initially because I was gasping for air," Mersereau remembered. "It wasn't until later, when I came off on the sidelines, that I saw them take him away. When I found out,

> community causes. He recently attended the Survivors of the Shield dinner for widows and children of slain police officers.
>
> "Each and every day you step on the field you don't think you're going

to get hurt, but you know there's a possibility," Mike Brim said, his eyes lowered. "I could care less about these wins or losses, that's the farthest thing from my mind."

Mike Utley is in a wheelchair. Darryl Stingley, once a wide receiver for the New England Patriots but a quadriplegic since his 1978 collision with Jack Tanım of the Oakland Raiders, is in a wheelehair. Marc Buoniconti, once a Citadel linebacker, is in a wheelchair. Through the years, paralysis has put dozens, if not hundreds, of other college and high-school football players in wheelchairs.

"You know it could happen in you," said Mo Lewis, a linehacker for the Jets. "But when it happens in a teammate, it's even more scary

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field at Giants Stadium and through the gloomy tunnel to their locker room. Some walked faster than others. Some beld their green helmets in their hands. Some wore their helmets. They were walking as easily as they always do. As easily as most people do. Without thinking about it. .1:

Dennis Byrd, his legs strapped to a yellow spine board, had come off the field staring up at the leaden sky from a flatbed cart. He had suffered what X-rays on Sunday night

Vantage **Point**

screau, early in the third quarter.
"Am I going to be paralyzed?" he kept asking the Jets' doctors and trainers. "Am I going to be paralyzed?"

tan. A team spokesman said Byrd would undergo surgery in "three to four days to stabilize the spinal cord at the site of the injury."

"Dennis is being well taken care of," the Jets' trainer. Boh Reese, told

There's no need to go to the hospital."

As Angela Byrd, the player's wife and the mother of their 2-year-old daughter, Ashtin, comforted her husband in the hospital oo Sunday "That's one reason the players love this guy," said Mickey Rendine, the assistant equipment manager, his eyes misty. "He'll go over to the single

For those Jets who watched the Thanksgiving Day game between Houston and Detroit, the telecast featured Mike Utley, the Lions' bonorary captain that day. Utley is in a wheelchair, paralyzed from the

The doctors did some basic tests. He couldn't move his legs. We called for

didn't press the issue, and he didn't pay) or why she is niggling about sending her executives to some baseball meetings. ("All these men do there is play goll," she said.) trying to sack quarterback Dave Krieg, didn't realize Byrd was hurt. She still lives in the huge stone house, left by her husband, on 70

acres (28 hectares) in a leafy Cincinmy thoughts, my heart and my prayers went out to Dennis and his family."

Byrd is one of the most respected players for the Jets. As a member of
the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, he is quietly involved in various "When you're left alone, after your husband dies, there is insecu-nity," she said. "For any woman. But especially for me. You see, my

father was Achtung-German. He used to ring a bell when he wanted my mother. When I was 21 and went to vote, he told me who to vote for. I said, 'Yes, daddy.' And I was that way with Charlie and

"So men have influenced me a lot. And when I didn't have one to tell me what in do, it was hard to get my footing. I have. But there's still insecurity. I mean, it's still a

because it could've been you."

When all the Jets had showered and dressed Sunday, they walked oot

of their locker room as easily as they always do. As easily as most people do. Without thinking about it. All but one.

up. "Hey little baby, hey little baby," she said, hugging the dog. (Continued From Page 11)

As soon as she swung open the

kitchen door, Schottzie 02 bounded

Charlie's father.

man's world.

ESCORTS & GUIDES prison term if he does not violate Japanese laws in the next three BELLE EPOCH

Chris McCarron, 17 hours after riding Dr Devious to a 10th-place finish Sunday in the Japan Cup in Tokyo, guided 7-5 favorite Flaw lessly to a one-length victory in the Matriarch Stakes at Hollywood

stolen bases in 18 tries. (AP)
Hidevuki Ohashi of Japan is to

defend his WBA straw-weight title for the first time against Chana Porpaoin of Thailand in a Feb. 10 bout in Tokyo.

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eral manager in eight years, Bob Quinn. And a manager she liked, Lou Piniella, quit in disgust.

She fired Quinn just two seasons

after he helped engineer a World Series championship. Acmally, her lawyer gave Quinn the bad news. "I

can't fire people face to face," she said. "I'm a wimp about it."

Before the disclosure of her de-

position, Schott was viewed by

some as the queen bee of the Queen City. The populace appreciated a

certain rough-hewn charm in her, and even considered her a civic hero

because she purchased her home-town team in 1984 when there was a threat of it being sold to outsiders, and possibly being moved. "I bought the team with my head and not my heart," she said. "It was Christmas time, and you know how

Christmas time, and you know how

women are at Christmas. You buy

Yet she is often portrayed as

cheap, even though her player pay-roll has risen from \$15 million in

1990 to \$37 million last season.

· She has been accused of selling employees day-old doughnuts ("Ri-

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Schott's dog was part of the rea-son for Piniella's leave-taking. Ac-tually, Piniella had to deal with two dogs, since the original Schottzie died in 1991 at age 8, and Schott

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"I'm a saver," she said, although some call her a hourder. These people refer to a large room in Riverfront Stadium that is filled with goods left over from various giveaway days: caps, hatting helmets, bats and balls and, according to one source, eight-year-old candy

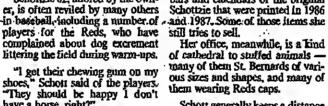
of cathedral to stuffed animals many of them St. Bernards of various sizes and shapes, and many of them wearing Reds caps.

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Dennis Byrd of the Jets, lying on the field after his neck was broken in a freakish collision.

having charged Piniella for donating three bats from the Reds for a all the various odds and ends assopretend to know baseball, and

she had to overcome slights and abuse. She talks about "the buddy system," and the "little boys club" A few years ago there, at a meet-ing of owners in Chicago, Schott



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would be hard pressed to define a sacrifice fly, or a squeeze play. But her lack of knowledge about the sport, and other mistakes, make some shake their heads.

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European Championship Expanded ISTANBUL (Renters) - UEFA has doubled the oumber of teams for the 1996 European Championship soccer finals from eight to 16, the governing body's vice-president, Antonio Mataresse, said Monday.

An increase in the number of national associations and popularity of the quadrennial competition is believed to have prompted the change.

The 1996 tournament will be played in England. English soccer officials Monday ordered Peterborough to replay the FA Cup match it won 9-1, because goalkeeper Adrian Blake of visiting Kinstonia was hit by a coin thrown from the stands. The match is to be replayed Friday at Peterborough's London Road stadium, which will be

Burtt Banned From Greek Basketball

.ATHENS (AP) - Former NBA guard Steve Burtt has been banned for life from playing basketball in Greece after testing positive for cocaine and hashish, the Greek Basketball Association said Monday. Burti was arrested Nov. 11, after returning from New York, when police said they found 11 grams of hashish and two grams of cocame in his luggage. He denied the drugs were his. In his first season with Iraklis, Burtt was the top scorer in the 14-team Greek first division with an

average of 28.8 points in 10 games. Australian Gets Suspended Sentence

TOKYO (AP) — Australian pro surfer Robert Paul Page was sentenced Monday to 18 months in prison on charges of bringing the hallucinatory drug LSD into Japan, but the sentence was suspended, the Chiba District Court said. He will not have to serve the

Page was arrested Sept. 29 at Tokyo's international airport when he arrived from Hawaii for the eighth leg of a 12-event world prosurfing competition near Tokyo. For the Record

Park, more than 5,600 miles (9,000 kilometers) away. Mike Felder, a free agent outfielder who will fill the Seattle Mariners' need for a leadoff hitter, agreed to a two-year contract for \$1.7 million. He hit a career-high 286 for San Francisco last season with four homers, 23 RBIs and 14

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Partying, Inside and Out

WASHINGTON — Washing-ton is awash with pre-inaugu-feel superior to those going in.

ral parties.
Hosts and hostesses are falling all over each other trying to get the Clintons or Vernon Jordan to come and break bread with them.

The hig discussion in town last members of the media comprority by attending these soirees?" Purists believe that just by pass-

ing the salt to Tipper Gore you could sell out to the Democrats for the next four Buchwald

It's a tough call because the media stars invited to the parties maintain that it is absolutely essential for them to share finger bowls with the power elite. But those standing on the sidewalk in the cold believe that if you get too close to the nation's leaders you will become a media hooker.

I have been on the inside and the ontside of Washington parties, and there is something to be said for both. When you're on the outside you can be much more critical of the administration. You ruh shoulders with the ordinary people and you get pushed around by the po-lice and dumped on by their horses.

Another plus is that you can say what you want to about everyone's dresses. Being on the outside is like attending a glorious street party

Antique Dealer to Sell Letter From Malcolm X

United Press International CHICAGO — As interest in Malcolm X has reached new heights with the release of Spike Lee's film about him, an antique dealer is putting up for sale a letter written by the black activist more

than 35 years ago. The letter was written on Dec. 21, 1956 to Elijah Muhammad, the Nation of Islam leader, after Mal-colm X had been named a minister in the sect. The antique dealer, Harlan J. Berk, says he will donate prints of the letter to colleges, mu-seums and libraries and will sell them to the public for \$25 each.

Don't get me wrong, I have nothing against those people who at-tend the "in" parties. We have a saying in Washington: "Sitting at Pamela Harriman's dinner table is the equivalent of having a seat on the 20-yard line at a Redskins football game."

What is it like for a media person

to be invited to a fancy event? The first thing you do after the butler takes your coat is look around. Your heart beats fast knowing that these are your people - the movers and shakers of the country. They are either the ones who will soon be in charge, or the ones who have financed the people who will soon be in charge.

The only real danger for media stars is if they are seated next to the wife of a government official who remembers what they wrote or said about her husband.

All the ancient grudges in Washington are held by the spouses and they never forget.

How does a hostess choose her media guests for a power party? She starts with "Meet the Press" and "Face the Nation." Then she goes on to David Brinkley, Barbara Walters, Sam Donaldson, The Washington Post, The New York Times, Vanity Fair, Ted Turner and Jane Fonda.

Everyone at the dinner is related to each other by marriage.

Of course the hostess doesn't limit herself to these few. If it turns out that there is a Little Rock talk show host in town, she is also welcome. For the first time someone

from Arkansas can light up a whole 1 was in Georgetown the night that Pam Harriman gave her bash for the Clintons and, from where 1

stood shivering, it looked as if it was a wonderful party. There were about a hundred of us on the sidewalk, and we were trying to identify all the celebrities going up the front steps, I was quite helpful since most of the media stars were my friends who pretended they didn't know me.
Then someone asked the ques-

tion I had been dreading, "How come you're not inside with the media elite?" I couldn't lie. "Because f hate

The World According to Michael Palin

By Susan Keselenko Coll ONDON -- England is engaged in an unlikely

love affair. Not to suggest that the scandal-loving British no longer care about Diana's true story, nor to downplay the Christmas sales poten-tial of Michael Came's autobiography, but it is a globe-trotting Englishman who currently tops the Sunday Times best-seller list, and it is with this man's intestinal well-being that the TV-viewing public has become intimately involved.

Fame is not exactly new to Michael Palin, whose comedy career began in the late 1960s with the enormously successful Monty Python's Flying Circus. The 49-year-old writer and actor has since penned books, has written and appeared in several films, and has delivered an award-winning perfor-mance as the stuttering Ken in "A Fish Called

But it is in travel that Palin seems to have found his milieu - or at least his fans have found one for him. "Pole to Pole," an eight-part BBC series documenting his five-month journey from North Pole to South Pole, and the companion book of the same name are enjoying the same cult-like recep-tion as his previous series, which followed the route taken by Phileas Fogg 115 years earlier. Palin's "Around the World in 80 Days" has sold more than half a million copies since its 1989 publica-tion; "Pole to Pole" replaced Madonna's "Sex" on the top of the charts two weeks after its October release and has averaged more than 10 million

As Pain putters about his cheerful kitchen fixing coffee, the public-school boy who read history at Oxford seems a mellowed and matured version of the man once known for being relentlessly silly, and it is easy to see why the British are willing to invest themselves emotionally in his travels.

"I have found that people feel quite close to me when I'm doing the journey," he says. "People feel that they're on the journey with me."
Palin is flattered but besieged by the success:
The phenomenon of a Palin travel program, as he puts it, is inescapable. Even if one has somehow

managed to miss the first six episodes or has slipped through the high street displays of Palin mugging from Santa's lap (from Santa Claus Village in Finland), his endearing smile is plastered along subway station escalators and bookstore windows around town.

Palin's charm adds a new dimension to the otherwise dreary genre of travel documentary, and he is able to pull off the occasional laugh at his hosts' expense just barely treading the right side of the line between humor and cultural arrogance. Even the critics seem enchanted: "He's actually quite sweet," said The Independent's television editor, John Lyttle, who describes the program as "archetypally British." "ft's about how the British behave when they're abroad," he added, "and travel is still quite a thrill

Indeed, Palin's latest journey is packed with thrills, even if they are only of the vicarious kind. Beginning with a hair-raising landing on a moving ice strip at the North Pole, viewers accompany Palin and his crew as they travel overland, flying only when logistics demand. The journey passes through 17 countries, including the former Soviet Union (visited two days before the coup attempt

away Inom Tokyo Wednesday, then Thursday and Friday will be partiy to mostly surmy. Hong Kong will have dry and comfortable weather Wednesday Ihrough Friday, while a lew showers are likely in Strangeros Send will be



viewers are on the road with Michael Palin, from pole to pole.

against Mikhail Gorbachev), Turkey and much of Africa. Palin attributes the program's success in part to viewer empathy: One cannot help but become auxious when the protagonist tours the descried villages around Chernobyl carrying a radiation meter, worried when he gets lost and stuck making the perilous journey from Sudan to Ethiopia,

and relieved when he fends off the unwanted attention of a large, amorous Russian barmaid who befriends him, on camera, in a swimming pool. Viewers feel angst when he loses his luggage, pain when he breaks a rib, and nauscous when he succumbs to intestinal troubles — all while smartly dressed and wrinkle-free in the sub-Saharan heat. At book signings, fans have been stunned to see him in

town: "You're up the Nile," one man remarked. "How did, you get back?" "People honestly get so close to it they think it's happening at the time," Palin says. Another plus on the entertainment meter is the lack of a didactic agenda; the program's freestyle blend of the serious with the inane — from an interview with a Suda-nese politician to a visit with Kenyan schoolchildren to

drinks in a bar with a bunch of rowdy Norwegians - gives

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the program a somewhat campy edge that perhaps will translate well when "Pole to Pole" airs abroad. The series will be broadcast in the United States beginning in January on the Arts and Entertainment network, which helped fund the journey. The series has been sold to nine other countries so far, and the book will have international distribution as

"I set out to be as much myself as possible," says Palin. "I didn't want to fall into the trap of assuming, because I'd done '80 Days,' that f was suddenly a world authority on travel f wanted to avoid being judgmental. . . . So f think it was really, let's do the journey, let's cover the territory, let's have a look at what it is like to get from point A, the North

"I always felt as long as I acted as naturally as I can to the situations that we should have some good material out of that."

Pole, to Point B, the South Pole.

Oddly, travel had never been a particular pas sion of Palin's before "Around the World in 80 Days." Although he had been to the United States with his Monty Python co-star Terry Jones in 1972 and had spent 10 weeks in Tunisia filming "The Life of Brian" ("but you get a different perspective when you're doing a film, especially when you're on top of a cross"), he had never been the sort to pick up and go on adventure holidays.

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His involvement in the BBC travel series, then, had more to do with personality than experience.

"I think they felt that I was probably game for anything, which was what was needed on 'Around the World in 80 Days' — somebody who'd be prepared to tackle any situation that came along with a certain amount of enthusiasm and a minimum of whingeing."
Palin describes himself as a man who likes as little

change as possible in his personal life - he has lived in the same North London house with his wife. Helen, and three children for more than two decades - but says his family deals "distressingly well" with his long and unavoidable absences.

Between the book signings and the promotional pole. trips abroad, Palin is attempting — against all odds — to remain sedentary and anonymous for a time. While he is obviously delighted by the success, Palin jokes that his celebrity status gets in the way of his enjoy-

ment of a good bookshop. "Your personal life becomes public property for a while," he says. "Lots of people know you intimately. They know what you wear in bed, and how you look when you're cross. They even know what you look like with no clothes on" Palin strips for a sequence where be is bathed in mud in Odessa - "That's a very strange feeling."

And for a man who once sang "Bright Side of Life" while nailed to a cross in "The Life of Brian," Palin is unexpectedly reflective: "We've been incredibly lucky twice now in two journeys, and I do feel - quite irrationally — that there's this pool of luck which you have and mine's running pretty low right now, f think I'll sit around and restock for a while."

But if the viewing public has its way, it won't be too long before he's sent packing again.

Susan Keselenko Coll is a free-lance writer living in

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Where the Money Is: List of Britain's Richest

The old order changeth: Park Raymond, who owns property in London's Sobo nightchub area and publishes sex magazines, has de-posed the Duke of Westminster as Britain's richest man. BusinessAge says Raymond has accumulated a personal fortune of at least £1.5 billion (\$2.26 billion), and some of his associates have been quoted as saying they think that's on the low side. The Daily Mirror quoted Raymond as saying, "If I'm the richest man, the country must be in a terrible state." Second on the list is the retailer David Sainsbury with £1.1 billion, and third is the food manufacturer Garfield Weston. The Duke of Westminster is fourth.

Mia Farrow has told confidentes. that she hopes child-abuse allegations against Woody Allen, her once and longtime companion, turn out to be unfounded, New York News-day reported. "I hope Dylan's wrong, Farrow reportedly said, re-ferring to her 7-year-old daughter. "I don't want to believe this. There's a piece of me that still loves him."

On the day her father, Tony Richardson, died, Natasha Richardson found a surprise in the back of a closet in his Los Angeles home: a manuscript of his memoirs. It will be published by William Morrow in September under the title The Long Distance Runner." The director died at age 63 of complications of AIDS in November 1991.

Madonna, ever the Material Girl, has bought a \$5 million mansion in Hollywood Hills. She had been house bunting in Hollywood for a few years and settled on a ninebedroom home built in the '20s.

More from Maxwell: The con-tents of Robert Maxwell's country house will go under the hammer on Jan. 14 to help pay off the late tycoon's millions of dollars in debt. Sotheby's said it hoped to raise more than £300,000 from the sale. The contents of his London pentbouse have already been sold

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THE LIFE AND LEGEND

By Charles Wolfe and Kip Lor-

nell. 333 pages. \$25. HarperCol-

O N March 20, 1935, John A. Lomax, the United States's

best-known collector of folk songs,

returned to Harvard, his alma ma-

ter, to present a pair of concerts sponsored by the Poetry Society of

Cambridge. The featured artist was a convicted murderer named Hud-

die (Leadbelly) Ledbetter, whom

Lomax had heard during a tour of

Southern prison farms and later

brought east to record for the Li-

brary of Congress's Archive of

OF LEADBELLY

Reviewed by

Terry Teachout

Folk Song and to perform at aca-demic and society gatherings. Leadbelly soon became a minor

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celebrity. But Leadbelly's brief as- beit in prettied-up cover versions sociation with John Lomax (they Though Leadbelly is still much admired by a dwindling band of folk revivalists, he is no longer parted company acrimoniously af-ter the Harvard concerts) was in many ways the highwater mark of his career, as Charles Wolfe and fashionable among latter-day musical antiquarians, who generally prefer "purer" country bluesmen like Robert Johnson. This has Kip Lornell explain. Wolfe is a recognized authority on folk and tant to the Smithsonian Institumade it easier for the authors of The Life and Legend of Leadbeily" to disentangle his considerable musical achievements from his sen-Born in 1888 to a family of Louisiana sharecroppers, Leadbelly was a "songster," an itinerant musician sationalized reputation as a knife-

several of his songs, among them "Goodnight, Irene" and "Midnight

Special," become popular hits, al-

with a wide-ranging repertory of turn-of-the-century blues, ballads, spirituals and work songs.

Leadbelly spent the "30s and '40s playing mainly for middle-class at work on a book, "H. L. Mencken: A Life." He wrote this for The Only after his death in 1949 did

By Robert Byrne

N one of the games of an international tournament played in New York last month, Stanislav Garber, 16, of Brooklyn, New York, gave Russian grandmaster Mark Taimanov, 66, great problems before he erred and was de-

The Taimanov Variation of the Sicilian Defense is initiated by 2...e6 and 4...Nc6; one of its values is that Black can protect himself against early attacks on his king and thus turn the game into posi-tional channels. The idea behind 7 Nb3 is to keep the black formation as cluttered as possible rather than allow 7...Nd4 8 Qd4 Nc6.

It would have been more usual for Black to play 9...b6 than 9...B67 10 a5 b6 11 ab Qb6 12 Be3 Qc7, but Taimanov may have wanted to take

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Solution to Puzzle of Nov. 30

his chances against a less experi-

enced opponent by opening the

Garber's 14 Ra4 was an interest-

ing move: It stopped 14...Nb4 and created some distant possibility of

swinging this rook to the kingside,

if the right pawn sacrifices could be

On 14...Bb7, it is two-edged to

attempt an avalanche with 15 g4 Rfd8 16 g5 Bf8 17 f5 Nge5. For example, 18 Qe1 d5 19 ed ed 20 Qe3 d41? 21 Nd4 Nd4 22 Rd4 Rd4

Bd4 Bc5 24 Bc5 Qc5 25 Qf2 Qc6

25 Q23 Q25 might head toward a draw by repetition of position.

Garber was not giving anything away with 17 Ne2 since 17...Bb2? lets him trap the bishop with 18 c3.

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have been better is unclear), Tai-

manov strove for active counter-play with 21...d5!? 22 e5 d4!?, the

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Qc6!) Qb6! 25 c3 Qb2 is strong for

After Garber's 23 Bf2, Taimanov

could not play 23_Ne5? 24 fe Qc6 because 25 Qt3! Qa4 (or 25...Qd?? 26 Rd4!) 26 Qb7 yields White decisive material advantage. He tried 23_Rb8, yet now Garber could have soon a person with 24 Mid Nid

have won a pawn with 24 Nd4 Nd4

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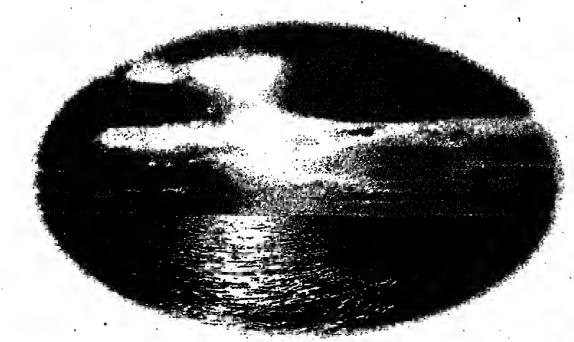
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should have played 31 Qf3 Rd3 32

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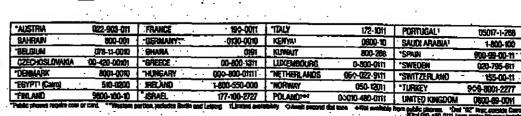
Bd4 Rd8! 28 Be5 (28 Qe5 Qe5 29 Be5 Rd3 was no better) Qc5! 29 d4 Rd4!, Taimanov was on the road to





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